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Young Casey Countians celebrate Christmas

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BRIEFS

Early Deadlines

Deadlines for the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 issues of *The Casey County News* will be earlier due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The Casey News office will close early on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 12 noon and will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1. All classified and retail ads are due by noon Friday, Dec. 20 for the Dec. 25 issue and Friday, Dec. 27 at noon for the Jan. 1 issue. All submitted news, including church news and letters to the editor, are also due by noon on the above dates for those respective issues. Due to the earlier deadlines, church news from Dec. 22 will be published on Jan. 1 and the church news from Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 will be published in the Jan. 8 issue. We encourage readers to submit photos or other church news items available now for the Dec. 25 church page.



Santa letter winners

This year's winners of the Letters to Santa contest are Gabrielle Burkhart and Joshua Barradas, who have each won a gift bag filled with toys. Gabrielle is a kindergarten student and Joshua is in the first grade. Both are students at Walnut Hill Elementary. Gabrielle and Joshua may pick up their presents at *The Casey County News*, located at 720 Campbellsville Street, today (Wednesday) after 12 noon or Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Change of party

The deadline to change party affiliations for the May 20, 2014, Kentucky primary election is Tuesday, Dec. 31. Those interested in changing political parties can do so by visiting the Casey County County Clerk's office in the old Courthouse.

City garbage pickups

The city garbage truck will not be running on Christmas day, Wednesday, Dec. 25. Residents scheduled for pickup on that day should put their garbage out Christmas night, for pickup on Thursday. The truck will also be back on normal schedule Thursday, covering both Wednesday and Thursday on the same day.

Kynect reps coming to Casey County Library

On Friday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., representatives from Kynect, the state's Affordable Health Care Coverage system, will be at the Casey County Public Library to help people sign up for health care that begins Jan. 1.

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Sportsman dies in hunting accident

By Larry Rowell
Editor

A Casey County man who spent the majority of his life enjoying the outdoors died doing what he loved best — hunting.

The body of 77-year-old Harold Wethington, of Liberty, was found Saturday af-

ternoon on the Green River in Green County. Wethington, and Larry Stokes, 57, of Somerset, a close friend who also died in the accident, were duck hunting from a boat on Green River. Stokes' body was found about 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Green County Coroner Carol Ray said that the cause

of death was accidental drowning.

Wethington's brother, Gerald, said that no one will ever know exactly what happened that put both men in 50 mph water that was about 40 degrees, causing their deaths.

"That was an unexpected accident, I can tell you that. Harold was so experienced at

being on that river under the conditions the river was, most people wouldn't even dream of touching it but Harold done it all the time," Wethington said. "He was a professional hunter and fisherman, there's no doubt about that. He was the best of the best."

■ See SPORTSMAN/14



WETHINGTON

A Storybook Christmas



Liberty hosted its annual downtown Christmas celebration on Friday night. Several hundred people enjoyed free food, live music, an auction to benefit the Casey County Community Ministries children's fund, and the highlight of the evening, the lighted parade featuring floats from local fire departments, businesses, community groups and churches. Above, Santa Claus greets the crowd during the parade. At right, Brian Sears fills the role of "Elf on a Shelf" poised on the ladder of the Liberty Fire Department's newest truck. See more photos from Friday's celebration on page 9.

photos/LARRY ROWELL



Liberty LCCAA employee arrested

By Larry Rowell
Editor

A Liberty woman who is the outreach specialist at the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency on Beldon Avenue in Liberty has been arrested and jailed on rape and official misconduct charges.



LUTTRELL

Bernadette Luttrell, 48, of 562 Allen Creek Road, Liberty, was arrested on Monday at 5:49 p.m. by Trooper Kevin Roberts at her home and charged with one count of third-degree rape and two counts of official misconduct.

The arrest stems from an alleged incident that occurred while she was working as an outreach specialist at Blackburn Correctional Facility in Lexington this past summer, the arrest warrant states.

Luttrell is accused of having sexual intercourse with a male inmate at Blackburn from May 1 to June 30.

Recordings of telephone conversations between Luttrell and the inmate point to a sexual relationship which resulted in Luttrell becoming pregnant and telling the inmate that the baby was his, the arrest warrant states. The inmate doesn't deny that the baby was his, court records state.

Further, Luttrell told the inmate that she had been hospitalized and lost the baby because it was a tubal pregnancy, according to court documents.

On June 7, Luttrell e-mailed her resignation to the warden at Blackburn, citing "unforeseen family problems."

As of mid-morning on Tuesday, Luttrell was in the Casey County Detention Center but was scheduled to be moved to the Fayette County Jail.

Bond has been set at \$2,500 on one of the charges and \$2,000, secured by 10 percent, on the other charges.

Luttrell was hired recently as the outreach specialist at the Community Action Agency in Liberty, which falls under the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency in Jamestown.

Lisa Mann, executive assistant director of LCCAA, didn't immediately return a phone call to *The Casey County News*.

Only one minor finding in Casey PVA's annual audit

By Larry Rowell
Editor

Kentucky Secretary of State Adam Edelen's office recently released the annual audit — July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013— for the Casey County Property Valuation Administrator's office. And, with the exception of one minor finding, all receipts and disbursements were accounted for.

PVA Eric Brown's office was audited based on 12 procedures ranging from maintaining receipts and disbursements ledgers, and whether personnel reconciled bank records monthly to the ledgers, to confirming the proper handling of payments from the City of Liberty and Casey County Fiscal Court.

In addition, disbursements were checked

against canceled checks and invoices and other supporting documentation and these all agreed. Any credit card expenditures by the PVA office were for official business.

Brown's annual PVA budget was examined to determine if he had over-spent in any accounts and the finding was that he had not.

Time records for PVA

employees were completed, maintained, approved, and support hours worked, the audit stated.

The only finding concerned closing the PVA's office any day other than the state's approved holidays, for which proper procedures and forms must be completed.

"The PVA did not follow the proper procedures and complete the appropriate

forms for the day the office was closed other than the state's approved holidays," the audit stated.

Brown, in his response to the audit, stated that "the PVA office is closed for the Apple Festival and closed on Friday. I will find the appropriate form and procedure for closing that day."

The complete audit is available at www.auditor.ky.gov.



EDITORIAL

PVA audit squeaky clean

In this day and time when scandals abound from local, state, and federal agencies, it's always reassuring to read an independent audit attesting to an agency's integrity and work ethic.

State Auditor Adam Edelen recently released the 2012-13 audit for the Casey County Property Valuation Administration office.

With the exception of one minor finding which dealt with PVA Director Eric Brown not filling out a form stating that his office would be closed on the Friday of the Apple Festival in September, everything else was shipshape and aboveboard.

This closing is no secret to any Casey Countian and is certainly not out of order considering the area around Brown's office is surrounded by booths.

Brown responded that he would fill out the proper form and submit it to the state. No harm, no foul.

But as with any audit, people always want to know about the money.

Brown's office passed every financial test and disclosure with flying colors, with Edelen's office not offering any findings as to violations of accounting procedures.

The money was properly accounted for and Brown and his staff are to be commended for their fine work, even if residents don't always agree with the property assessments when they hit their mailboxes.

Honesty really is the best policy and it's still working in Casey County.

Congressional delegation needs to step up



Larry ROWELL
Editor

attorneys general from across the country asking the FDA Commissioner to reconsider approving Zohydro ER.

What's the problem, you ask? The reason this drug should not be approved for sale is because of the potential for young people to get their hands on it.

A parent might have surgery and is prescribed 20 to 30 pain pills to combat the pain. But after several days and only have taken fewer than 10 from the prescription, that leaves 20, very potent pills sitting in a medicine cabinet or nightstand drawer where a middle or high schooler can either use them or sell them for big money on the street.

I am grateful that Ken-

tucky has an Attorney General like Jack Conway who has continually stood in the gap trying to protect the Commonwealth's kids against drugs and other threats such as online child predators who traffic in kiddie porn.

But what baffles me in all this is where are the members of our Congressional delegation?

Sen. McConnell's battle is in trying to have the Affordable Care Act repealed while Congressman Ed Whitfield is on the offensive seeking to protect Kentucky's coal industry from unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion from the EPA.

However, I would love to see an e-mail from Whitfield's office railing against the prescription drug industry's apparently successful effort to put Zohydro ER on the market, and subsequently, on the street.

Surely these astute politicians could have made some statement urging the

FDA to not approve this drug which will have a devastating effect in this state, among others.

The prescription drug lobby is a powerful machine in Washington which dispenses something as addictive as pain killers — money.

I believe McConnell and Whitfield to be honorable men who want what's best for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

And if this is true, then it's time they stand with men like Attorney General Jack Conway in this war against drugs.

After all, if our young people die from prescription drug abuse, it really won't matter if the Affordable Care Act is repealed or not. Also, dead teenagers and adults won't be working in the coal mines, either.

Additionally, it's a call for members of Congress to exercise some common sense and stop thinking about their wallets.

Why are more women not on the ballot?

With filing dates looming early next year to announce candidacy for the upcoming county and city elections, several people have decided to run for positions.

When you look at the updated lists found in the newspaper of those who have filed there is a lack of women running for county offices and Democratic candidates, but I'm not going to even tackle the second issue.

Currently there is only one woman that has filed and that was for judge executive. Where are the intelligent, confident, and capable ladies of Casey County?

In all fairness, this is not a problem unique to Casey County, nor would I venture to guess it's unique to the state of Kentucky. With 120 counties and numerous elected positions I think it would be good to see some diversity, at least in the candidates.

Looking at six elected county positions — judge executive, coroner, jailer, sheriff, county clerk, and circuit clerk — the number of women currently serving in these positions vary.

Out of 120 counties only five have female judge executives, eight female coroners, seven jailers, one female sheriff, 68 county clerks, and 79 circuit clerks.

The last two positions prove that throughout the state women are interested in county government and have succeeded in being elected, at least in those two positions. In Casey County both positions are currently held by men. Craig Overstreet is the circuit clerk and Casey Davis is the county clerk.

Ronald Wright is the judge executive, Tommy Clark is the coroner, Tom-

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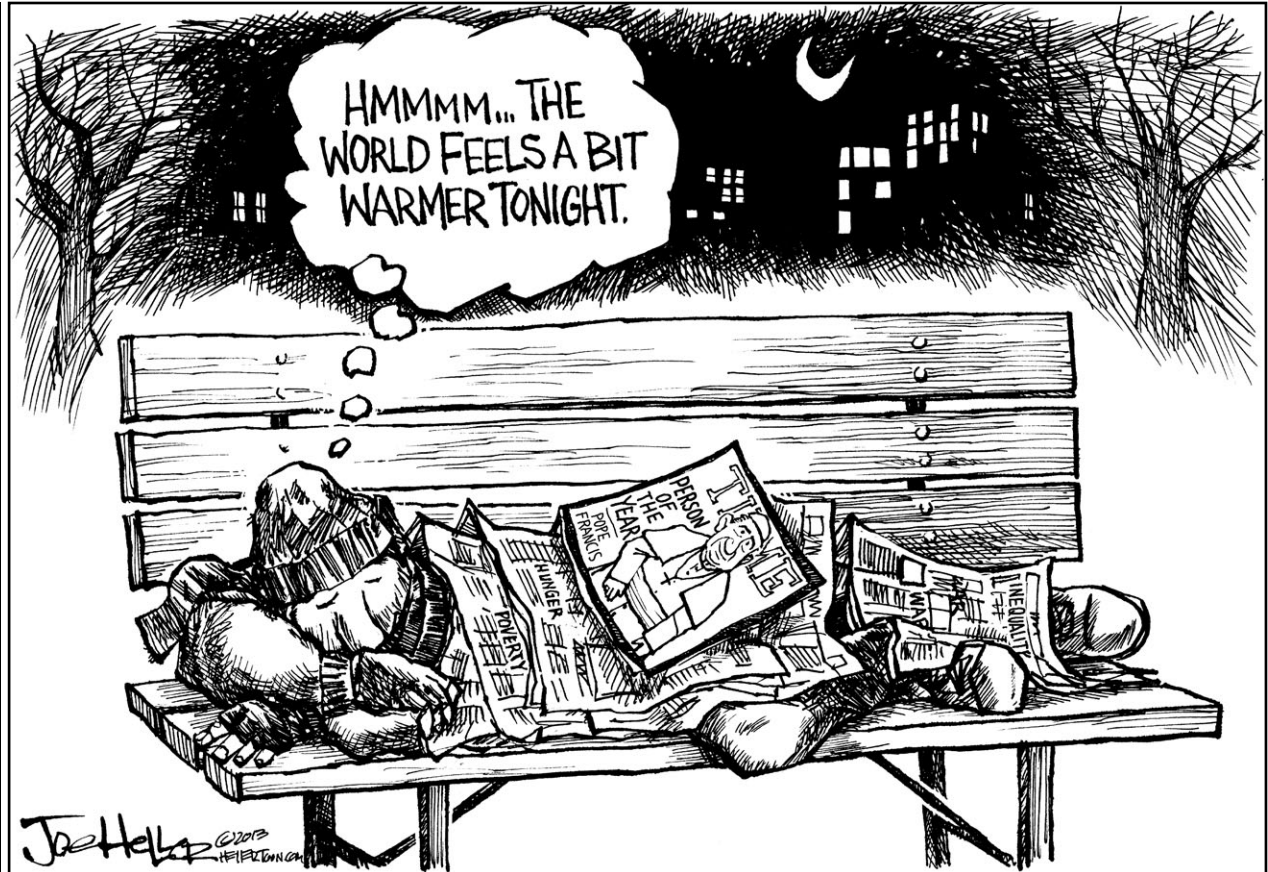
my Miller is the jailer, and Jerry Coffman is the sheriff.

The Liberty city council and the mayor are all men, and so are the county magistrates. There are women in the government that work very hard behind the scenes, but still it would be nice to see their name as a candidate when voters go to the poles.

Also, by no means am I suggesting that the men in the county are doing a bad job, that is not the case. I'm sure some are fairing better than others, but that's to be expected. As far as I'm concerned, may the best man get the job. Or best woman. Better yet, why not the best person get's the job.

As I mentioned earlier, I'm wondering where the good candidates are because when all is said and done the person that is elected should be competent in the role they have been elected for. I'm not talking about having women run just for the sake of diversity. These candidates need to be knowledgeable about the county, the people they will serve, the aspects of the job, and be motivated to help improve life for Casey Countians. These are necessary qualities for any candidate regardless of gender.

I highly doubt that any more women will feel the urge to run for an elected position, but I think the men of the county wouldn't be scared of the added competition if they decided to run for office.



Faith and the threat of eminent domain

David B. WHITLOCK
Guest Columnist



On a frigid afternoon this past Tuesday, Dec. 10, some 65 people representing different expressions of faith gathered on the Boone Farm in Nelson County, Ky., affirming their belief that God is not pleased with what hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") is doing to his creation.

Why did they do this? Why now? And, will their action shape the roles Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and the Kentucky Legislature play in determining whether Bluegrass Pipeline's parent companies, Williams and Boardwalk, have the right to exercise eminent domain, permitting this powerful corporation to carry what many believe to be dangerous natural gas liquids through the property of landowners, even if they refuse to grant access through their property?

The event was in answer to the call from the Dominican Sisters of Peace (St. Catharine, Ky.), the Loretto Community (Loretto, Ky.), and the Sisters of Charity (Nazareth, Ky.), who originally articulated the Energy Vision Statement and invited people of faith from all traditions to join them.

The statement, signed by 117 organizations and 965 people from Christian and non-Christian faith communities, speaks against all plans for expanded extraction of fossil fuel or infrastructures such as pipelines that require the plundering of God's cre-

ation and the endangerment of human communities. The statement calls for immediate regional and national plans for the transition to renewable sources of energy which would better uphold the ideal of the common good, both now and for future generations.

It is no mistake they met on the Boone Farm in Nelson County, Ky., for the family has refused the company the right of way through their property.

Nor is it happenstance the meeting took place on Dec. 10, for that is the anniversary of Thomas Merton's death, the most famous monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, the oldest operating monastery in America, located near the Boone Farm. Ironically, according to current plans, it appears the route of the pipeline would include the Abbey's property, land that Merton loved and often wrote about: "I love the woods...Know every tree, every animal, every bird. Sense of relatedness to my environment," he wrote in a letter a few months before his untimely death. Several months ago, the monks refused to give permission for Bluegrass Pipeline LLC to survey their property.

And that brings us to the matter of eminent domain.

Exercising the power of eminent domain would allow the Bluegrass Pipeline LLC the right to seize land, even when landowners reject the company's offer for easements through that property. Earlier this year, Governor Beshear refused to call for a special legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly to address the hotly debated issue, and make no mistake, it is a contentious matter because it is unprecedented for a private corporation, such as the parent company of the Bluegrass Pipeline — a corporation not in public service to Kentuckians — to be granted the right of exercising eminent domain.

One can argue the pros and cons of whether the pipeline would be beneficial for Kentuckians, but understand the gravity of eminent domain: It is an end run around the debate, rendering helpless those property owners who disagree with the Bluegrass Pipeline's plans. One must ask, Does a private company have the right to impose its will on those Kentucky property owners who oppose the corporation's agenda?

Governor Beshear has taken a bye in this debate. "We will have adequate time to take any necessary action in the regular session that begins in January 2014," he said earlier this year. But in doing so, the governor has allowed

the Bluegrass Pipeline LLC to go ahead with plans seeking survey permissions, and the company has admittedly surveyed lands without the approval of landowners.

Unlike some, I refuse to blame the governor's laissez-faire on the fact that his son, Andrew, works for a law firm representing the company that plans to build the controversial pipeline through Kentucky.

Whatever his reason for inaction, the governor has a responsibility and a duty to protect the rights of Kentucky's citizens. He should follow the lead of State Senator Jimmy Higdon and State Representative David Floyd, who have pre-filed legislation to prevent the use of eminent domain for the proposed Bluegrass Pipeline. "If you're a pipeline and you don't have an oversight by the Public Service Commission, then you don't qualify for eminent domain. You can't have it both ways," said Higdon.

As for those faithful who met in the cold, as well as others who have signed on to the agenda for an environmentally cleaner and safer Kentucky and Earth, they should stay in the fray—for they are a necessary voice, though they may appear to be crying in the wilderness—for the wilderness is the place where truth sayers often have to stand, the place where their voice can usually most clearly be heard.

What's your opinion?

Readers are encouraged to submit their opinions in a letter to the editor. Address them to: Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 40, Liberty, Ky. 42539; fax to 606-787-8306; or e-mail to news@caseynews.net. We reserve the right to edit letters deemed to be libelous or in poor taste, or for reasons of space issues.

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Church event tonight to benefit hungry students

By Larry Rowell
Editor

If Christmas is the season of generosity and good cheer, Dunnville Christian Church is doing its part by raising money for hungry kids in Casey County.

This evening (Wednesday Dec. 18) at 7 p.m., the church on U.S. 127 in Dunnville is hosting “A Tennessee Christmas” featuring Jason Coleman and Meagan Taylor, who will perform Christmas music in the country style of Nashville and the Grand Old Opry. Coleman is the grandson of Floyd Cramer and Taylor is the great-niece of Chet Atkins.

“The whole point of this is to help raise awareness in the community and get donations to help supplement Casey County Schools’ Backpack Program, in conjunction with Casey County Community ministries and the school district’s Youth Services and Family Resource Centers,” said DCC Pastor Derick Terry, adding that while there’s no admission charge for “A Ten-

nessee Christmas,” monetary donations will be accepted at the door.

The Backpack Program, administered by the Family Resource Centers, consists of sending home with underfed students on weekends backpacks filled with non-perishable food items such as canned meats, apple sauce, fruit cups, cereal bars, pop tarts, raisins, pudding cups, juice boxes and snack crackers, said Barb Pelley, who works with Community Education/Migrant Education in the Casey School District.

“Right now we have 139 students — 30 in the middle and high school, 109 in the three elementary schools — and that fluctuates from month-to-month,” Pelley said. “It’s a teacher referral program, not from parent request, it’s from teachers and cafeteria ladies and school staff who tell us that a kid’s hungry,” she said.

It costs approximately \$2.50 per week, or \$85 a school year for one child in the program, which operates on donations from the community, Pelley

said. Individual donations are always welcome, she said.

But for Terry, it’s all about the church reaching out into the community and being generous.

“One of the biggest messages we’re trying to get out to the community is the early church was known for its generosity, not just for its theology but it was the theology that promoted the generosity. The way they impacted the community they were in, they were generous. They gave more than anyone else,” he said.

And to practice what the church preaches, members packed 130 bags of food on Monday and delivered them to the school district to be sent home with students in the backpack program.

Terry said that not only does the church do this in the fall over Christmas break, food bags are also packed for kids to take home during spring break.

“Giving was the hallmark of the early church and we want it to be the hallmark of the church today,” Terry said.

Toys for Kids



Casey County Toys for Kids held its annual distribution event on Saturday. This year’s Toys for Kids program benefited 244 families, with 515 children receiving gifts, according to Jo Wilkinson, co-chair of the Casey County Toys for Kids program. ABOVE, Santa Claus was on hand during the distribution event to pose for pictures with children. LEFT, siblings Raven Wesley, 6, and Fawn Wesley, 4, pose with gifts.

photos/KATELYNN GRIFFIN

ELECTION FILING UPDATE

Candidates who have filed to run for election in Casey County in the May primary and General Election in November, through Tuesday:

Magistrate:

Dist. 1 Kenny Morgan	Dist. 2 David Wethington Bart Woodrum Eddie Dale Poff Jerry Sandusky Gary Peyton	Dist. 3 David Phelps Kenny Patten Jamie Martin Eddie D. Warren Robby Murphy Tracey Elliott	Dist. 4 Jamey Maupin Roger Dale Durham Charlie McAnelly
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County Clerk
Casey Davis

Jailer
Tommy Miller

County Attorney
Tom Weddle

PVA
Eric Brown

Constable:

Dist. 1 Roger Garrett	Dist. 2 Darrell Wethington Ralph Mondie Felix Seahorse Rodz David A. Russell	Dist. 3 Rick Hogue	Dist. 4 John K. Brown
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Coroner

Tommy Clark	County Judge-Executive Mary Sue Shoopman Brian K. Beeler Micah Beard Tim Goodlett	Sheriff Chad G. Weddle
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MEETING BRIEF

Fiscal court hears updates

Casey County Fiscal Court, meeting on Monday at the last meeting in 2013, heard Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright give updates on the new concession stand at Gateway Park and the process for accepting bids on the new college. Wright said that the work on the concession stand should have been completed in mid-November, but due to bad weather, it probably won’t be finished until sometime next week.

Also, Wright said that bids for the new college to be built in downtown Liberty

will be advertised in The Casey County News on Jan. 8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center, with the bid opening set for Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Ag Center.

The court also heard County Treasurer Debbie Vaughn say that there was \$538,603 in the General Fund; \$322,250 in the Road Fund; \$428,814 in the Jail Fund; \$66,144 in the LGEA Fund; \$2,827 in the State Fund; and \$23,668 in the E911 Fund.

Dr. Richard S. Miles would like to welcome Tammy Jo Hill, ARNP

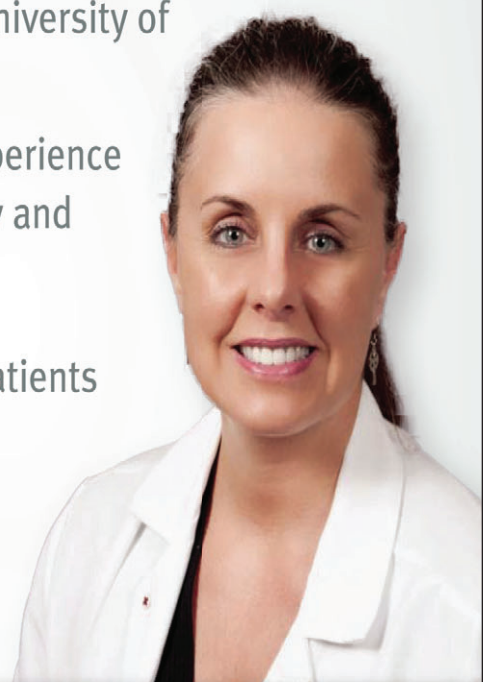
Their office is located in the Medical Arts Building at 124 Dowell Raod

Tammy’s career in nursing began in 1982 as a Nurse Aid. She earned her Associate Degree in 1984 and began working as an RN in a hospital setting. Tammy completed her Bachelor’s degree in 1997 and Master’s in Nursing from University of Kentucky in 2001.

Tammy has a decade of experience in Family Practice – Primary and Rural Healthcare.

Tammy will begin seeing patients January 2014.

For an appointment call
270-866-2440



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Merry Christmas

From our family to yours.
Brian, Stacey and Sawyer Beeler

A photograph of a family of three: a man, a woman, and a young boy, standing in front of a Christmas tree.

BRIAN BEELER

Candidate for
Casey County Judge-Executive

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A festive graphic with a large red bow, pine branches, and pinecones in the bottom right corner.

OBITUARIES

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Charles W. Davis, 81

Charles Willard Davis of West Ky. 70 in Casey County passed away on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. He was 81.

Born Dec. 12, 1932, in Casey County, he was a son of the late Wade Hampton and Carrie Lee Barnett Davis.

He was a farmer and former Sunday school teacher. He was a former member of Creston Baptist Church and current member of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Davis was a highly decorated 21-year retired U.S. Army veteran, having achieved the rank of 1st Sergeant. He did five tours of combat in Vietnam. He received two Purple Hearts and five Bronze Stars with V devices. Mr. Davis also enjoyed music and played lead guitar in several different music groups, including the Happy Travelers, Firm Believers and the Glory Ains.

Survivors include his dear wife, whom he married on June 22, 1980, Nan Moxley Davis; two brothers, Cleo (and Catherine) Davis of Petersburg, Ill. and Clifford (and Mary Lou) Davis of Cincinnati; two sisters, Jean Williams of Columbia

and Jewell Tedder of Tallula, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Murrell Davis; and a sister, Lina Mae Smith.

Funeral services were Dec. 17 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Gale Durham officiating. Burial was in the Old Antioch Cemetery with military funeral honors by the U.S. Army Fort Knox Color Guard.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Royce, Brian, and Rodney Davis, Jeff and Steve Burchell, and Dewain Burton.

Honorary pallbearers were Aubrey Pennington, Bill Moxley, Phillip Dean, Olvest Moxley, Bill Lester, Bob Hackbarth, Ronnie Atwood, David Moxley, Bryant Moxley, Edward Jones, Jerry Smith, and members of the Happy Travelers, Firm Believers, and Glory Ains.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Gideon Bibles.

Arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with online guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Harold D. Wethington, 77

Harold D. Wethington of Liberty died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013 in Greensburg. He was 77.

Born in Liberty on Sept. 12, 1936, he was the son of the late Mont A. and Nellie Agnes Bell Wethington.

He was a fishing and hunting guide and a gate salesman.

Survivors include his wife, Eva J. Cochran Wethington; and a brother, Gerald Wethington of Liberty.

Christine Rainwater, 90

Christine Rainwater died Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at the Liberty Care Center. She was 90.

Born March 19, 1923 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late Fisk and Beatrice Hines Dye.

She was the widow of Everett Stanley Rainwater.

Survivors include a son, Stanley Rainwater of Mintonville; a daughter, Janet Withers of Liberty; five grandchildren; and nine

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Wethington.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, Dec. 18) at Bartle Funeral Home with Rev. David Greene officiating.

Burial will be at Wilson Cemetery.

Bartle Funeral Home Liberty is in charge of arrangements. www.bartlefuneralhome.com.

Joyce A. Coleman, 56

Joyce Ann Coleman of Liberty died Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 at the Kindred Hospital in Louisville. She was 56.

Born May 11, 1957 in Fayette County, she was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Marie Hendren Coleman.

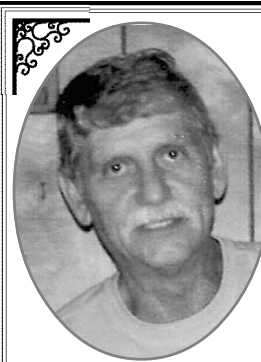
Survivors include a brother, Elmer Coleman of

Middleburg; three sisters, Rose Shefke of Westland, Mich., Linda Crawley of Hustonville, and Elizabeth Hinnant of Suffolk, Va.

Funeral services were Dec. 13 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Ryan Allen officiating. Burial was in Poplar Hill Cemetery.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4



The family of Darril Streeval

would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kindness, love, flowers, food, cards and calls during the passing of our loved one. A special thank you to Bro. Johnnie Patton and

206 Church, also to the Apostolic Lighthouse Church, McKinney-Brown Funeral Home, Gearlean at Liberty Flowers and also the pallbearers.

The family
Wanda, Daniel, Laura, Brian, Ethan,
Masyn, Carter and Maddox

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

■ Red Hatitudes will meet Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 12 noon at Betty Lou Wethington's for cookie exchange.

■ VFW Post 5704 will have a Christmas dinner on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 12 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Call 606-706-1715 or 706-9727 for information.

■ Kentucky Blood Center will have a blood drive at the Evona Fire Department, located at 467 Sloan Fork Rd. in the South Fork community on Thursday, Dec. 26 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Every donor will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

■ Casey County Sportsman Club will have a family fun shoot the first Saturday of every month at 12 p.m. Shoot your favorite choice of skeet or trap.

■ Quilt Club will meet the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Casey County Extension Office. The class is for novice to experienced quilters. For more information call 606-706-0088.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Celebrate Recovery, a Christ centered recovery ministry, will meet at Liberty United Methodist Church fellowship hall on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. For more information call 606-787-8356 or email celebrateliberty@hotmail.com.

■ Narcotics Anonymous will meet Monday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church (Lake Liberty). For information call 606-706-5627 or 859-576-4380.

■ A.A. will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 22. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library on Friday, Dec. 20. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall on Tuesday, Dec. 24. For information call 606-787-7205 or 787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church on Tuesday, Dec. 24. For information call 606-787-9670 or 787-5704.

■ TOPS KY 404 will meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19. For information call Donna Mills, 606-787-6431.

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■ Old Time Independent Baptist Church will offer a Christmas dinner for those in need. Call Bro. Ricky Rodgers at 606-787-4414

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■ Grove Ridge Baptist Church food pantry will be open Thursday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Must bring proof of residence and identification.

■ Shady Grove Separate Baptist Church will have a Christmas play, "God's Gift," on Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

■ Corinth First Church of God will have a Christmas cantata on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

■ Liberty United Methodist Church will have a worship service for anyone who is having trouble finding joy in the holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Also, a Christmas Eve candle light service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

■ Salem United Methodist Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

■ Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

■ Jennies Chapel United Methodist Church youth will present a Christmas play, "A Snowy Mountain Christmas Part 2," on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. Finger foods afterwards.

■ Clearfork Baptist Church will present "The Christmas Play" on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. central time.

■ Walnut Hill Separate Baptist Church will have a Christmas play, "The Town That Forgot About God," on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

■ Salem United Meth-

odist Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

■ Green River Valley Separate Baptist Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

■ Canaan Valley Separate Baptist Church will have watch night services on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with special singing by South of Heaven.

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Linda Allen, Liberty, to Cumberland Lake Shell Inc, Somerset, 1.58 acres on U.S. 127, \$522,000.
Michael Reid and Mary Ann Spaw, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Jason M. Spaw, Amelia, Ohio, Chestnut Level Road, 19 acres, gift without monetary consideration, fair cash value \$23,000.
David W. and Tenna M. Kennedy, Joshua, Texas, to Mose and Naomi Brock, Kings Mountain, two tracts, Sims Branch, 3.341 and 2.00 acres, \$88,500.
Brian C. and Whitney Michelle Edens, Liberty, to Jeff and Tammy Spears, Bethel-ridge, South Fork, 21.447 acres, \$30,000.
George B. and Betty Floyd Coleman, Yosemite, to Mark Brown, Yosemite, Knob Lick Creek and Ky. 70, \$24,000.
Danny Lee Wolford, Liberty, to Anthony Hoyt Wolford, Frankfort, Clementsville, love and affection, \$1.00, fair cash value \$4,500.
Linda Murphy, Greensburg, to Brad Vaughn, Lib-

erty, 7.5 acres on Calhoun Creek, \$29,000.
Carl A. and Lily Jane Sandusky, Liberty, to Larry A. and Mavis G. Gilpin, Lynchburg, Ohio, 10 acres in Casey County, \$35,000.
Phillip and Janice Smallwood, Liberty, to Patricia Wilkey, Liberty, property in the city of Liberty, \$24,088.61.
Don's Rental Properties LLC, Hustonville, to Casey County Ministries Inc, no monetary consideration, city of Liberty, fair cash value \$4,200.
James Clifford Emerson, Kings Mountain, to Deric Scott Emerson, Clinton, Tenn., Walltown, 45.864 acres, love and affection, fair cash value \$25,000.
Betty Fay and George B. Coleman, Yosemite, to Charles Victor Black, Liberty, Ky. 198, 0.527 acres, love and affection, fair cash value \$2,500.
Rosanne K. and Michael A. Wilson, Liberty, to Chuck and Tamara Meece, Liberty, two parcels, Green River, 1.848

and 2.122 acres, \$10,000.
Nancie Larkin, Liberty, Kathleen and Epp Mevin Walls, Liberty, to Epp Mevin and Kathleen Walls, Liberty, two parcels in Casey County, love and affection, fair cash value \$150,000.
Marina and Daniel A. Evans, Hampton, Va., Douglas and Meleah Naylor, Batavia, Ohio, to Michael and Judy True, Liberty, Adlie and Iva Lee True, Liberty, Ky. 35 and U.S. 127, 0.714 acres, \$43,000.
Gary Eugene Salyers, Liberty, to Derek Riddle, Liberty and Amber Meeks, Liberty, East Casey Creek, 26.226 acres, \$43,870.
Timothy N. Strong, Liberty, to Bob Cook, Liberty, property in Casey County, \$5,500.
Tina and Bob Kraft, Lebanon, Bobby and Linda Allen, Liberty, et al, to Danny R. and Trena Melvin, Pikeville, Easy Casey Creek and Ky. 1547, 0.007 acres, exchange of property, fair cash value \$100.
Tina and Bob Kraft, Leba-

non, Bobby and Linda Allen, Liberty, et al, to Danny R. and Trena Melvin, Pikeville, Easy Casey Creek and Ky. 1547, 16.099 acres, \$30,495.
Charles T. and Effie Wethington Family Trust, Lexington, to Kelly and Beth McMasters, Crestwood, McClure's Fork, \$56,000.
David and Sheila McKinney, Liberty, to Brandon McKinney, Hopewell Spur Road, 1.401 acres, love and affection, fair cash value \$2,500.
Tina and Bob Kraft, Lebanon, Bobby and Linda Allen, Liberty, et al, to Jerry Rodgers, Liberty, Ky. 1547 and Ky. 1859, 4.001 acres, \$46,000.
Ammon W. and Eva G. Weaver, Liberty, to Timothy M. and Lavina Kay Weaver, Liberty, Trace Fork, 8.754 acres, \$24,300.
Timothy M. and Lavina Kay Weaver, Liberty, to Melinda G. and David E. Hara Jr., Iron Station, N.C., two parcels, 120 acres and 8.754 acres, \$450,000.
Gary Evan and Betty Gadberry, Liberty, to Anthony and Billie Gadberry, Liberty, Rick Lick Creek, one acre, \$1,000.
Tina and Bob Kraft, Lebanon, Bobby and Linda Allen, Liberty, et al, to Gary Rodgers, Liberty, Ky. 1547, 16.709 acres, \$40,660.
Betty Louise and Ancil Smith, Edinburg, Ind., to Greg Rodgers, Liberty, McClure's Fork, 8.289 acres, \$21,500.

Keith Bryan Brown, 27, Liberty, diesel mechanic, to Mary Elaine Hoskins, 26, Liberty, housewife.
Food Inspections
The Casey County Health Department routinely inspects food service establishments and retail food markets to determine compliance with state law. Establishments are scored from 0 to 100.

Oct. 18 Village Restaurant
Food service: 95
Immediate follow-up: 100
Employee using bare hand contact on ready-to-eat food items. (Corrected)
Employee drink on food prep table. (Corrected)

Oct. 21 Fredia's
Food service: 100
No violations at time of inspection.

Oct. 23 Shaker's
Food service: 90
Immediate follow-up: 98
Potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food items out of date and some not date marked. (Food disposed of.)
Cups being used as scoops in corn starch and pinto beans in back storage area.
Slicer unclean in hard to reach areas and not sanitized within four hours of last use.
Ice cream scoop stored in cup of water.

A & D
Food service: 100
Retail food: 93
Immediate follow-up: 97
Food out of date. Pulled off shelf.
Storage containers stored in boxes on floor in back.
Plastic wrap stored on floor in deli.
Outer opening unprotected at rear garage door.

Oct. 25 Scott's Family Restaurant
Food service: 99
Floor behind stove unclean.

Oct. 28 J&B Grocery
Food service: 98
Retail food: 98
Raw meat stored above produce in refrigerator.
Restroom door not self

closing.
Crockett Trail General Store
Food service: 96
Retail food: 100
Immediate follow-up: 100
Potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food items out of date. (Corrected. Food disposed of)
Single service items stored on floor in back storage area. (Corrected)

Oct. 30 CVS Pharmacy
Retail food: 100
No violations at time of inspection. OK to open.

Nov. 6 Pizza Hut
Food service: 94
Immediate follow-up: 99
Employee drinks on food prep table. (Corrected)
Clear plates and pans stored on absorbent material.

Child Haven Site 1
Food service: 95
Immediate follow-up: 100
Potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food out of temperature. (Corrected)

Dec. 2 Casey County TR (Adanta)
Food service: 100
No violations at time of inspection.

Casey Co. Senior Citizens
Food service: 100
No violations at time of inspection.

Seven Sisters
Food service: 100
No violations at time of inspection.

Dec. 6 Rooster's Grill
Food service: 92
Retail food: 99
Follow-up required.
Food stored in plastic bag on floor in dry storage area.
No test strips for sanitizing water.
Meat slicer unclean in hard to reach areas and not sanitized within four hours of last use.
Women's restroom trash can without lid.

Subway
Food service: 100
No violations at time of inspection.



AG calls for tamper-resistant versions of pain meds

Attorney General Jack Conway Monday joined 42 state and territorial attorneys general in sending a letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration urging it to require manufacturers of generic prescription pain relievers to develop tamper-resistant versions of their products, the Kentucky Press News Service reports.
Conway co-sponsored the letter with Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens, Maine Attorney General Janet Mills and Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster.
"Prescription drug abuse is destroying families across the Commonwealth," Conway said in a news release. "Requiring abuse-deterrent formulations for generic opioids is a common sense improvement that provides us another important tool to help fight this epidemic."
In their letter, the coalition of attorneys general thanked the FDA for its recent efforts to require abuse-deterrent formulations for branded opioid drugs. However, they also urged the FDA to go even further by ensuring that generic opioids, like their branded counterparts, have abuse-deterrent properties.
"Accordingly, the undersigned State Attorneys General respectfully request that the FDA provide clear and fair regulatory standards for the incorporation of abuse-deterrent technologies into generic opioids," the National Association of Attorneys General letter reads.

Man shot by police indicted

According to the *Winchester Sun*, a Clark County man who was shot by police searching for drugs was indicted on wanton endangerment and drug charges.
Joel D. Naselroad, 33, was indicted for first-degree wanton endangerment, cultivating marijuana and possession of marijuana.
On Oct. 8, detectives with the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement and Special Investigation unit went to 1620 Cole Road to investigate a tip about someone growing marijuana there.
When detectives knocked on the door, Naselroad fled from the back door. He allegedly pulled a handgun and pointed it at officers behind the house, and KSP Detective Dennis Mabry shot Naselroad.
According to the arrest citation, Naselroad was ordered to drop his weapon, but he refused.
According to court documents, detectives found three marijuana plants and some loose marijuana at the scene.

Future still unclear for Logan cave

The future of a Logan County cave believed to have been in use as long as 12,000 years ago could be closing in on a settlement, reports the *Bowling Green Daily News*.
The South Logan Historic Society has been working for about two years to take over management of Savage Cave in Logan County, according to Wayne Stratton, a member of the historic society.
"I think we've about finished that process finally," he said.
Stratton said he hopes Logan County government will be able to take over ownership of the cave by the end of the month or in early January.
The South Logan Historic Society plans to lease the cave from the county at a nominal fee and would handle management of the cave, he said.

Murray State University and Logan County officials, however, don't seem as optimistic about a deal moving forward that quickly. Murray State owns the cave.
Catherine Sivills, assistant vice president for communications at Murray, said the university is in the infancy stages of finding an organization to manage the property and that no paperwork has been drawn up or signed.
She said further progress on the issue may be made by early spring.
Logan County Attorney Joseph E. Ross said in a voicemail that he has had some discussion via mail with Murray State attorneys about the cave. From those communications, it appears that Logan County could meet the terms of a management plan for the cave, Ross said.
"It does appear that we've gotten those terms into a form that we could accept," he said.
Negotiations are proceeding, but more work is needed, Ross said. "It's still going to take some time," he said.

Man's body located a week after his death

According to *The News-Enterprise*, the body of a missing Elizabethtown man whose 2001 Pontiac van was found unoccupied on northbound Interstate 65 was discovered Dec. 13 several hundred feet south from where the automobile stopped.
Brooks Weiland Hohenstein, 54, disappeared Dec. 6 and his van was found tangled in cable median barrier in the northbound lanes of I-65, said Trooper Jeff Gregory, KSP Post 4 spokesman. A search of the area yielded no trace of the driver and the car initially was ruled an abandoned vehicle, he said.
"We never got a call that he was involved in a wreck," Gregory said.
A day later, his family filed a missing person's report.
About 12:50 p.m. Friday, Hohenstein's body was found by KSP officers in a wooded area near the 97-mile marker off northbound I-65. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Hardin County Deputy Coroner Pat Elmore. Foul play is not suspected, according to KSP.
An autopsy confirmed Hohenstein, a 1976 North Hardin High School graduate and network operations analyst with Humana, died of injuries sustained in the crash, Gregory said.
Once his family filed the missing person report, KSP searched the area once more but again found no sign of Hohenstein. Gregory said officers believe his body may have been concealed by snow at the time. An extensive search Friday finally revealed his whereabouts.
KSP's investigation found Hohenstein was traveling north on I-65 on the morning of Dec. 6 when the vehicle left the roadway and struck a guardrail. The force of the impact ejected him from the vehicle and threw him several feet down an embankment, Gregory said.
The vehicle continued to travel northbound on the interstate a few hundred feet, crossing multiple lanes of traffic before slamming into cable median barrier, where it came to rest.
Gregory said the van's location in the median caused other wrecks and other vehicles struck it. The crash occurred during a stretch of wintry weather that produced icy conditions and resulted in around 60 crashes along the interstate, according to Gregory.
KSP was assisted at the scene by Hardin County EMS and the Hardin County Coroner's Office. The death investigation remains open and is being led by KSP Detective Jonathan Vaughn.

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Steven Lee Allen, 42, Liberty, mechanic, to Christy Maye Lynn Durham, 26, Liberty, nurse.
Edward Keith Price II, 25, Liberty, probation and parole officer, to Ashley Nicole Dollins, 24, Berea, student.
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FreedomPop is a non-contract service that provides 1 gigabyte (GB) of data per month for free, which is adequate for sending and receiving emails and surfing the web. If, however, you want more data for things like watching Internet videos or shar-

ing photos you can pay extra for 5 GB or 10 GB.

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If FreedomPop is not available in your area, there are other providers that offer high-speed Internet at a low cost. For example, NetZero (netzero.net, 800-638-9376) and Juno (juno.com, 888-213-9093) now have DSL plans with no data restrictions, provided you live in their service areas and you have a home phone line.

To search for other high-speed Internet service providers in your area, see isp-providersinmyarea.com.

Another strategy to get cheaper high-speed Internet is to combine, or bundle it together with your TV and/or phone service. Check with the television and phone providers in your area to see what types of bundle packages they offer.

If, however, you can't find a high-speed service that fits your budget, and you don't mind slower service, consider getting dial-up Internet. If you have a home phone line, NetZero and Juno again provide some very inexpensive dial-up services.

Low Income Internet

If your income is low enough and you live in a participating state, there are also a number of programs that offer low-cost high-speed Internet services. One that's most fitting for financially challenged seniors is CenturyLink's Internet Basics program (centurylink.com/home/internetbasics, 866-642-0444), which is available in 37 states. This program offers high-speed DSL Internet service.

To qualify, you'll need to show that you're receiving certain types of government benefits, such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI, home energy assistance or public housing assistance. Or, that your household income is at or below 135, 150 or 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – it varies by state.

There are other programs available that serve additional states, like Internet Essentials offered by Comcast (internetessentials.com) and Connect2Compete (connect2compete.org), but to be eligible you must have a child or grandchild who lives in your house that participates in the nation-

al school lunch program.

Also, stay tuned for the government's Lifeline Broadband Program that could soon be offering income-qualified citizens across the country, high-speed home Internet services for a low cost. To find out more about all of these programs, visit cheapinternet.com.

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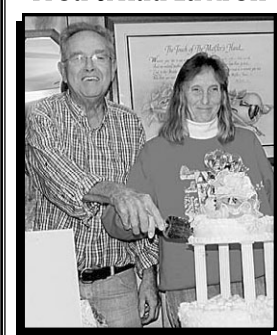
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Showtimes for Dec. 18-24, 2013

<p>Hunger Games: (PG-13) 156 Mins 12/18 - 1:45, 2:05, 5:00, 6:05, 8:15, 9:20 12/19-23 - 1:45, 5:00, 8:15 12/24 - 1:45, 5:00</p> <p>Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2D) (PG-13) 171 Mins 12/18 - 1:15, 2:00, 4:45, 5:35, 8:20, 9:05 12/19-12/23 - 1:15, 2:00, 5:35, 8:20, 9:05 12/24 - 1:15, 2:00, 4:45</p> <p>Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) 129 Mins 12/18 - 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05 (Starts 12/19) 12/19-12/23 - 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05 12/24 - 1:25, 4:25</p> <p>Frozen (2D) (PG) 118 Mins 12/18-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; 12/19-12/23-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; 12/24 - 1:00, 4:00</p>	<p>Tyler Perry's - (PG-13) 115 Mins 12/18 - 1:35, 4:10, 7:15, 9:45 12/19-12/23 - 1:35, 4:10, 7:15, 9:45 12/24 - 1:35, 4:10</p> <p>A Madea Christmas (PG-13) 97 Mins 12/20-12/23 - 1:05, 5:25, 7:35 (Starts 12/20) 12/24 - 1:05, 5:25</p> <p>Walking With Dinosaurs (2D) (PG) 97 Mins 12/20-12/23 - 3:15, 9:50 (PG) 97 Mins 12/24 - 3:15 (Starts 12/20) (Ticket + Premium \$2.50)</p> <p>American Hustle (R) 148 Mins 12/20-12/23 - 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50 (Starts 12/20) 12/24 - 12:50, 3:50</p>
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SPECIAL SHOW:
"American Hustle" - 12/19 at 9:30 P.M.
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HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Dec. 25 issue

Advertising & Submitted News Deadline:
Friday, Dec. 20 at 12 noon

Jan. 1 issue

Advertising & Submitted News Deadline:
Friday, Dec. 27 at 12 noon

Due to early deadlines, there will be no church news in the Dec. 25 issue. Church news from Dec. 22 will be published in the Jan. 1 issue. On Jan. 8, we will publish church news from Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. Churches are invited to submit photos or available news items on or before Dec. 20 at noon for the Dec. 25 church page.

So our employees may enjoy the Christmas holiday with family and friends, our office will be

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Tuesday, Dec. 24 after 12 noon,
and all day Wednesday, Dec. 25 &
Wednesday, Jan. 1

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Apostolic Lighthouse

Bro. Danny Warren taught "I'm Not In This By Myself," from Acts 26:19-28 on Thursday night. Attendance was 16.

Bro. Eric Miller started Sunday school with "How Important is Having a Vision?" from Proverbs 29:18. Bro. Danny taught "The Apostolic Message," from I Peter 1:13-16. Attendance was 22. Bro. Eric started evening service with "Proving God to an Unbeliever," from II Corinthians 5:17. Bro. Danny's message, "What We Hear and What We See," was from Luke 2:1-20. Attendance was 19.

Prayer requests: Samantha McQueary, Gay Richardson, Bro. Danny's daughters, Harold Wethington family, Charlie Davis family, Wanda Streval and family, and Kerry Patten.

Brush Creek

Attendance was 76 with 19 children in the penny march. Diane Taylor and Glenda Rodgers had birthdays.

Saturday night, Bro. Bearl King read Psalms 91. Sunday night, Bro. Scott Cochran's message, "My Grace is Sufficient," was from II Corinthians 12:7-10.

Prayer list: Harold Wethington family, Ina Jean Murphy, Harlan Shoopman, Buddy Lynn, Linda Sue King, Omer Long, Doris Brown, Trell Whitis, Jan Selch, Nancy Taylor, Chris Wethington, Charlotte Brown, Joyce Cochran, and Steve and Bridgett Lynn.

Ellisburg

Attendance was 57. Bro. Jerry's message, "Who Is Jesus?" was from Mark 8:27-30. Special singing was by Maxine Lane and Cathy Adams. For our evening service, we went to three different nursing homes and had services. Prayer list: Brent Brockman, Mark Sharp, Charles Whitaker, Leif Nash, Paisley Gay, Janet Hogue, Sheila Richards, Norman Griffith, Carley Bailey, Amanda Lane, Joann Hafley, Mary Anne Whitaker, Judy Powell, and the family of Charlie Davis.

First Baptist

Attendance for Sunday School was 107 with 150 for worship. Emilee York and Ashley Burchett had the children's message, passing out necklaces with bells and saying that the joyful sound of bells reminds us of the joyful birth of Jesus. Linda Spears, along with the children, had special music. Bro. Jimmy's message, "What Mary Discovered" was from Luke 1:26-37.

The Christmas program was presented that evening, with Gracie Demrow, Guy Turner, Jennifer Dean, Tanner Stringer, Ben Jones, Brayden Harris, Harlie Hebrock, Ramsey Turner, Sophie Demrow, Grace Mason, Ava King, Laney Sears, Mason Burchett, Asher King, Austin Crew, Hayden Crew and Harley Heckman in the "Just A Little Christmas" skit.

"Super Christmas" featured Brandon Pittman, Shelby Stringer, Bradley Jeffries, Travis Stringer, Neil Conley, Sarah Beard, Anna Jones, Andrew Walters, Adam King, Dallas New and Kellen Sanders.

"The Best Gift Of All" had Allison Brown, Molly Demrow, Nate Goode, Trace Stringer, Beth Dotson, Madison Hamm and Marley Harris. Following the program, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

Prayer list: Sandy Richardson, Sandy Hayes, and the family of Harold Wethington.

First Christian

Prayer was requested for Jerry Hoskins, Tom Allen, Leif Nash, Kerry Patten, Linda Lee, Nolan Davis and the families of Charlie Willard Davis, Harold Wethington and Larry Stokes.

Max William Davis was born Dec. 9, to Matt and Betty Jo. We join his big brother Charlie and his grandparents, Ronnie and Sally Davis, in sharing this joy.

Lydia Coffey presented the children's message about the three gifts Jesus received.

Special music was presented by the youth.

Wednesday's meetings include Children's Choir at 4:15, followed by Chi Rho and CYF as they join in the

caroling beginning at 5 p.m. After caroling, the group has been invited to Bill and Billie Roark's home for refreshments.

The community is invited to Sunday evening's performance of the Children's Christmas Play to be presented at 6. Fellowship and refreshments are to follow the performance.

New board members slated to begin service in 2014 include elders Danny Jeffries and Mary Lee Moxley; new deacons Gwen Helm, Susan Hoskins, Tammy Gosage, Steve Sweeney, Taylor Rousey, and Hagen Williams. Hanna Wahl will serve as youth representative, and Steve Sweeney will serve as trustee.

Goose Creek

Attendance for Sunday school was four and worship service had six. Bro. Billy Hewitt's message, "Do You Pray Enough?" was from James 4:17, 5:16 and I Thessalonians 5:17.

Prayer requests: Sammy Phillips, Kylie Insocho, Davie Asberry, Bruce Pitman, Logan Salisbury, Harlan Shoopman, Harold Wethington family, Larry Stokes family, Ray and Jim Roark and families, Geraldine, Misty, and Jennifer Asberry, Brandy Hewitt and family, Scott Foley, Brandon and Tyson Pitman, Jessica, Michael, and Brandy Rodgers, Derek and Jessica Propes and families, Stewart Carlton and family, Jessica Emerson, Dorothy Allen, Larry Whitehead, Merilene Coffman, Paul Pullen and family, Noel Rodgers and family, and Chris Patten and family.

Grove Ridge

Attendance was 32. Bro. Tim Harris' message was from II Corinthians 7:1-18. Evening attendance was 30 to watch the church present the Christmas program, "The Journey," with refreshments served afterwards. Twenty-four attended the Journey to Bethlehem lighting at Jamestown. The food pantry will be open Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Must bring proof of residence and photo ID. New Year's Eve Watch will be Dec. 31 from 8 to 12 p.m. Congratulations to Robbie and Betty Prater with the arrival of their granddaughter, Elaina Anne Bentley. Prayer requests: Barbara Elmore, Ronnie Hatter, Caroline Wilson, Geneva Carman's daughter, Barbara Brown's mother, Barry Murphy, Billie and Helen Jean Watts.

Hwy. 49

Attendance was 45 with eight in the children's penny march. Celebrating an anniversary were Bro. Shirley and Phyllis Denson, 53 years. Celebrating birthdays were Brian Taylor, Luke Scott, Wesley Rodgers, Earlene Owens, Tessla Abell and Veldean Monday.

Bro. Shirley Denson's message, "Press On, Be an Overcomer," was from Revelation 15:1-2 and 19:1-9.

Bro. Phillip Smallwood's evening message, "That I May Know Him," was from Proverbs 13:15 and Philipians 3:9-11. His Wednesday message was "What Is Heaven Like to You?"

Prayer requests: Donna Price, Harlan Shoopman, Brian Taylor, Janice Rambo, Don Hale, Greg Means, Anita Wheeler, Hershel Price, Elza King, Presley Taylor, Charles and Pat Harmon, Taylor Smallwood, Rufus and Mildred Edwards, Karen Selch, Freddie Cook, and the fami-

lies of Betty Price and Harold Wethington.

Jennies Chapel

Attendance was 37. Pastor Wayne Cole's message was on the shepherds in the Christmas story from Luke 2:8-20. Next Sunday morning during regular services the youth will present their Christmas play, "A Snowy Mountain Christmas Part 2," with finger foods served afterwards. No services on Sunday night. Wednesday night will be Bible study in Judges.

Latter Day Saints

Attendance was 46. Drew Millar presided with invocation by Brook McDaniel. Sacrament was administered and passed by Dustin Carroll, Steve Absher, Andrew Mercer, and Mike Sumner.

Speakers were Isaac Sanders, "Testimony of Jesus Christ," Ray Burgess, "No More Strangers," and Drew Millar, "Sharing the Gospel Of Jesus by Example." Benediction was by Keali Clifton. Sunday School lesson was "Being Good Citizens in Jesus Christ's Kingdom."

Liberty United Methodist

A worship service for anyone who is having trouble finding joy in the holiday season will be held at the church on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Also, a Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Middleburg Baptist

The Christmas cantata, "Mary, Did You Know?" was directed by Norreen Gentry with Brin Powell as soloist. The readers for the cantata were Jeff Bastin, Bro. Keith Bowling, Donna Carman, Curt Hibpsman, Curtis and Jordan Lucas, Becky Powell, and Charlie Turner. Susan Coleman was omitted from the list of December birthdays last week. Becky and Robert Powell are celebrating their 15th anniversary. The children prepared and delivered fruit baskets to the widows and widowers in our area. On Sunday evening, Bro. Keith read Luke 2:1-4 and talked about Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The AWANA Christmas party is Wednesday night. The children and youth will be presenting their Christmas program on Sunday night. Prayer list: Phillip and Jean Frederick, Rodney Furman, Faye Grider, Ashley and Sherman Hatter, Onva Hayes, Diana Ippock, Vernon Lawhorn, Donna Morgan, Sheila Pittman, Gay Richardson, David Stafford, Verla and Dennis Stucker, Barry and Flossie Murphy, and the families of George Black, Charles Davis, Lois Johnson, Earl Morris, and Harold Wethington.

Mt. Calvary Baptist

Attendance was 27 for Sunday school and 47 for worship. Bro. Ronnie's message was from John 3:1-18 and Romans 10:9-13. Special singing was by Kelsey Haste.

Evening attendance was 32. Services were held in the youth center while the youth practiced the Christmas play in the church. Bro. Ronnie's message was from Luke 1.

We will be sending a copy of Sunday services to those unable to come to church.

Please add anyone to our list located on the church bulletin board. We had 30 attend our caroling service on Saturday evening. Christmas play is Dec. 22 at 6, followed by a fellowship meal.

Prayer requests: Verlin Selch, Georgie Black family, Pauline Moore and family, Kiera Helton, Joe and Julie Hamilton, Cassie Whited and Gloria Dean Vaught.

Mt. Calvary Community

Attendance was 42. Devotion was read from Job 30 by Bro. Paul Wilkerson. Sunday school lesson was taught by Bro. Josh Robinson from Proverbs 6, "Seven Deadly Sins."

Bro. Clifford Dehart's message was from Romans 8:1-17, "They That Are in the Flesh Cannot Please God."

The evening message was by Bro. Josh Robinson from Luke 1:26-45, "When Men Can't Explain Something, They Try to Disprove It."

Wednesday night message was by Bro. Jordan Lewis from Matthew 13:1-9, "Sow Bountifully to Reap Bountifully."

Shirley Roark celebrated a birthday.

Prayer requests: Jeremy Wilkerson, Rosemary Daniel, Angie Wethington, Bill Buis, James Withers, Bruce Pittman, Brenda Knight, Doris Abrell, Jimmy Abrell, Rondal Cundiff, Ray Roark, Kayla Melson, Jared Wheat, Marie Pettyjohn, and Justin and Kristen Burton.

Mt. Olive

Attendance was 82 for Sunday school. The lesson, "Zacharias Prophesies About His Son, John," was from Luke 1:59-66. Worship service had 82. The message, "What Jesus' Birth Means," was from Luke 2:8-20. Georgia Hebert read the scripture.

Birthdays were Doris Fleenor, Alan Durham and Donnie Floyd.

Anniversaries were Larry and JoAnn Hatter and Jason and Sue Strunk.

There were 37 for the evening service. The message, "Christmas Cliches" was from Matthew 1:21.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. will be play practice.

Sunday at 6 p.m. we will have our Christmas play followed by an appearance from Santa.

Prayer requests: Tish Stafford, Randall 'Birdseed' Durham, Maxine Hogue, Johnny Wall, Gay Richardson, Mitzi Denney, Raymond Hatter, Bobby Hatter, Andrea Gore, and the families of Jean Ellis, Charlie Davis, Harold Wethington and Larry Stokes.

Mt. Pleasant

Devotional was read by Randal Davis from Luke 1:59-66. Attendance was 53. The oldest person present was Howard Bell and the youngest was Jake Bowling. Birthdays include ZZ Pittman, Bro. Terry Goodin and Adam Dean. Bibles were presented to Karey Sellers and Kara Lee Spinks. Bro. Terry's message was from Romans 6: 1-23. Special music was by Randal Davis, Alex Land, Shirley Land and Karey Sellers. Christmas play will be Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. and Dec 22 at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will follow the play on Dec 22 and we will deliver fruit baskets and go caroling in the afternoon. A reminder to bring in your hats and mittens for the needy by Dec 22. Our missionary, Audie Cherry is now

in the Philippines to continue his mission work.

Dec. 29 is Youth Sunday with the Hands of Faith puppets from First Baptist Church. Mt. Pleasant Youth Group is having a Pizza Hut fundraiser on Feb. 3.

Prayer concerns: Gladys Hughes, Jerry Hoskins, Alora Eve Snow, Gay Richardson, Marc Combs, Jerome Clements, LJ Pittman, Harlan Shoopman, Jean Bell, Carol Pierce, Cindy Hayes, Inez Davis, Larry Bell, and the families of Charles Willard Davis, Harold Wethington, Larry Stokes and George Black.

Old Time Ind. Baptist

Sunday school attendance was 23. Bro. Tony Rodgers taught from Luke 12:1. Worship attendance was 28. Bro. Ricky Rodgers preached from Luke 15:11-20, "I Can't Find My Way Back."

Bro. Andrew Rodgers' evening message was from Romans 8:1, "Which for You, Flesh or Spirit?"

Prayer requests: Ricky Rodgers and family, Jesse Davis, Ruth and Angie Mason, Danny Hall, Weston and Ayken Rodgers, Shane and Kara Rodgers, David and Norma Wilham, McKenna Brosch, Andrew Luttrell and family, Kathy and Tyler Sherrell, Brenda Hanshaw, John Antle, Eric and Molly Luttrell and family, Michael Rodgers, Lana Bryant, Adam Luttrell, Karen Pennington, Tony Stone, Kelly Luttrell, Timmy Thomas, and Brandon Gilpin and family.

Poplar Grove

Sunday school attendance was 23. Bro. Joe Cooper read Isaiah 2 for devotion. Bro. Mark Atwood's lesson was from Revelation 14:14-20.

Worship attendance was 42. Bro. Steve Warner's message was from Isaiah 26:1-13, "Perfect Peace."

Evening attendance was 28. Bro. Steve's message was from Psalm 116, "What Can I Render Unto The Lord?"

Christmas play will be Sunday at 6 p.m. Prayer requests: Marvin Hogue, Rodney Hundley, James Withers, Venita Warner, Jo Jo Cooper, Alicia Wesley, Lela Land, Harvey and Phyllis Wheeler, and Harold Wethington family.

Poplar Springs

Attendance was 48 for Sunday school and 56 for worship. Bro. Johnny Maupin's children's sermon was about God's love being our greatest gift. Special music was by the choir and Marvetta Russell. Bro. Johnny's message, "Virgin Birth of Christ," was from Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-38, and Matthew 1:18-24.

The Christmas program will be Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. Countywide hymn sing will be Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. at Poplar Springs.

AWANA had 38 on Dec. 4 and 35 on Dec. 11. Dec. 18 will be shopping night for the AWANA participants.

Prayer requests: Rose Wilham, James Withers, Marvin Hogue, Eddie and Keith Price, Louie Luttrell, Gene Benson's mother-in-law, Bobby and Carol Russell, Debbie Gosser's mother, Jessie Russell, Cassie Whitenek, Faye Larkins, Judy Johnson, Samantha Falconberry, Dustin Gosser, Kent Hudson, Thomas Cassidy, Mike and Marie Raider, and the families of Billie Tarter Wilson, Jean Ellis, James Morris, Betty Price, Harold Wethington, Ann Hack Rodgers, and Willard Davis.

Rich Hill

Thursday night, the church will be going caroling in the community. Wednesday night's Bible study covered I Corinthians 1:10-17.

The devotional, Luke 1:59-66, was read by Tim Buis. Sunday school lesson, "Zacharias Prophesies about His Son, John" was from Luke 1:57, 58, 67-79.

Sunday night's Bible study was from Hebrews 12:1-10.

Prayer requests: Lisa Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Grider, Violet Buis, Betty Price family, Zachary Vaught and family, Charles Buis, Tim Buis, Richard Pond, Tammy Williams, Phyllas and Jean Burton, Chuck Hampton, Larry and Judy Harris, Tyler Buis, Stephanie Buis, Larry Wilham, Sherman Hatter, Harold Wethington family, Alex Colvin, Missy Price, Ricky Linville and family, Crystal Pence, Dannis Luttrell, and Gay Pond.

Walnut Hill

Attendance was 107 with 11 in the youth choir. Bro. Rodney Smith's message, "Have You Seen the Light?" was from Luke 15:11-17.

The evening message, "You Should Delight in God's Law," was from Psalms 1:1-6.

Wednesday night service starts at 7 p.m. studying Acts 11 and Christmas play practice. The play will be Dec. 22 at 6 p.m.

Prayer requests: Harold Wethington family, Larry Stokes family, Barry Murphy, Dennie Grider, David Johnson, Hunter Baldock, Christine Noel, James Withers, Charlie Davis, Kristy Wilkerson and baby, Kerry Patten, Noah Laman, Glennia Bryant, Chris Weddle, Lavon Murphy, Anna Patterson, Gay Richardson, David Adams, Mary Sanders, Fay Grider, Louise Wesley, Louise Goode, Eddie Price, Clarence Mullins, Cecil Hatter, Vickie Cowan, and April Burton.

Watson Chapel

Devotional was from Luke 7:18-27. Sunday school attendance was 17 and worship service had 24. Bro. Sherman's message, "What Christ Gives His People," was from John 17:20-26.

Logan Combs celebrated a birthday.

Prayer list: Magdalene Sims, Marie Drostie, Louie Luttrell, Ricky Carman, Jerry Hoskins, Betty Wethington, James Withers, Kerry Patten, and families of Frances Lloyd, Harold Wethington and Charlie Davis.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone that came to the benefit, made donations, and helped to make it a very special time for Ricky. We want to thank everyone for all of the prayers, phone calls, and cards during Ricky's long illness. It is such a blessing to know that we live in such a special community as Casey County. It is not just a county, but Casey is a community that comes together to help each other in times of need. If it is by a benefit to help with medical expenses, finances during a long illness, by prayers lifted up, phone calls, food, or whatever the need this community pulls together to help each other. We are proud to be a part of such a caring community. God Bless each and everyone.

Sincerely, Ricky Carman & Family

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- One of the biggest causes of fires is one of the most easily avoidable. Many fires start when flammable products are placed too close to heating devices, such as space heaters. Space heaters should be kept at least 3 feet from blankets, clothing, paper, and other flammables.
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Happy New Year

10 YEARS AGO DEC. 17, 2003

Casey County school officials closed schools for two days due to sickness.

A reward was increased in an arson investigation case that was nearly a year old. Kentucky State Police Detective Alex Wesley announced that the reward was increased to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fire that destroyed the Big Apple Restaurant on Jan. 11, 2003.

Motorists experienced icy roadways due to snow, rain, and sleet that fell on the area during the first winter storm of the season.

The school board was considering creating an alternative school and adding a law enforcement officer to the middle and high schools.

Rev. Joey and Carolyn Murphy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, Bobby and Nell McKinney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and Albert and Sue Dix celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

The Casey County High School Marching Rebels were among more than 100 units featured in Governor Ernie Fletcher's Inauguration Day Parade.

A Liberty man was arrested after he allegedly made threats to several people, including his own daughters. He was charged with alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, and third-degree terroristic threatening.

An 8-ounce bar of Philadelphia cream cheese was 97 cents and golden ripe Dole bananas were 37 cents a pound at Abe's Pic-Pac Supermarket.

An 18-ounce box of Pillsbury cake mix was 58 cents and a 16-ounce can of Pillsbury frosting was \$1.29 at Food Center.

A dozen tangerines was \$1.49 at A&D Super Market.

Obituaries: James E. Allen, 92; Albert Coffman, 85; Carl W. Greer, 80; Gladys M. Sullivan, 92; Eric C. Anderson, 82; Kenneth Garrett, 87; J.C. Long, 57; Estil L. Wilson, 74; Effie Barlow, 87; Bonnie E. Gilpin, 65; Alma Sherrill, 78.

20 YEARS AGO DEC. 15, 1993

Action to revoke Casey County War Memorial Hospital's acute-care license was temporarily put on hold pending an appeal by the hospital in Franklin Circuit Court. The action stemmed from a 1991 order by the Cabinet for Human Resources to close the hospital due to loss of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

Outgoing Liberty Mayor Dr. John C. Grider gave a farewell address to the Liberty City Council in his last meeting as mayor.

Casey County Jailer Mildred Buis retired after serving 20 years as the county's jailer.

The home of David and Connie Ragle in the Brush Creek community was heavily damaged by fire. All of the family's personal belongings were destroyed.

The Liberty Planning Commission gave tentative approval to a request from Steve Hill, owner of Hill's Pharmacy, for a zone change from residential to commercial on property located at the junction of Wolford and Trammel Streets.

A Kings Mountain man was charged with 33 counts of second-degree forgery for writing checks totaling \$10,100.

Two blue spruce Christmas trees valued at \$130 were stolen from Southern States in Liberty.

The top video rental was "Indecent Proposal" with Robert Redford and Demi Moore.

Obituaries: Beulah Roy Hatter, 71; Lida May Miller, 95; Albert Kenneth Pittman, 69; Virgie Lee Bolt, 78; Joseph Walter Lee, 52.

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 14, 1983

A Liberty man was charged with theft by unlawful taking in connection with seven farm gates and a hay feeder stolen from Murphy's Gate Company.

Owners of three Liberty businesses — King's Department Store, Floyd's TV, and the Rebel Room Restaurant — presented a petition to the Liberty City Council signed by 71 merchants requesting the removal of parking meters in the downtown area.

Shares of Casey County Bank stock were doubled along with the bank's capital stock increasing from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Earl Clark of Middleburg, who worked for Southern Railroad out of Danville, was helping the United Transportation Union organize a Christmas party for low income families. Around 35 of the children invited were from Casey County. Others included children from Lincoln, Boyle, and Garrard counties.

A bid of \$15,860 submitted by Allen Brothers Construction of Liberty to install a new roof on the Casey County School District bus garage was approved by the school board.

For the first time in several years the price of regular gasoline in Liberty dropped below \$1 a gallon.

A five-pound turnip was grown on the farm of Pat and Sheila Wethington on Woodrum Ridge.

Dimeco Variety was offering 50 percent off all merchandise in a going-out-of-business sale.

Marvel Fresh hen turkeys were 89 cents a pound

at A&D Super Market.

Obituaries: Eula Durham Abell, 53; Monta Propes Evans, 79; Tom Wilkinson, 83; Maggie Stephens Smith, 72.

40 YEARS AGO DEC. 20, 1973

Casey County farmers were slow in signing up to grow bell peppers. Many were hesitant because crops were hit hard by disease the year before and an unusually wet spring prevented tilling the peppers.

A 16-year-old Rocky Ford boy was badly beaten by two men as he was returning home from a Casey County basketball game in Lebanon. His attackers used a three-foot length of chain and a tire tool before stomping him and then hitting him with their vehicle.

The home of Chester Cain in Creston at the "Y" was destroyed by fire.

Conservation Officer Merl Toms gave chase to a man he caught spotlighting deer from a truck. During the 30-mile chase a Maxey Valley woman was almost hit by the truck, which angered her husband and he joined the chase.

An order for special bicentennial automobile tags with "Casey County" imprinted n them had been delayed. Due to the overwhelming request for the tags, inmates at LaGrange prison were behind in their production.

Mens' simulated leather house slippers were \$5.99 a pair at The Louisville Store.

Three-pound fruit caked were 98 cents at A&D Super Market.

Jim Dandy Market was selling a one-pound roll of Tennessee Pride sausage for 89 cents.

"Skyjacked" was showing at the Kentuckian Theater with Charlton Heston and Yvette Mieux.

Obituaries: James Marion Shaw, 100; Malcenia Beard, 97.

50 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1963

Liberty City Police nabbed two different cars within a few hours of each other loaded with liquor and beer for the purpose of re-sale.

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Celebrating Christmas in Downtown Liberty



The Casey County Senior Citizens group played the part of roaming madrigals in singing Christmas carols as they make their way down Campbellsville Street during Friday's downtown Christmas celebration. This year's event was originally scheduled for Dec. 6, but was postponed due to icy and wet conditions. Hundreds turned out for the rescheduled event, which featured free food, music and the annual lighted parade through the streets of Liberty. This year's theme was, "A Storybook Christmas".

'A Storybook Christmas'

AWARD WINNERS

Wreath Contest

1st: Kathy's Flowers
2nd: Regina Tinsley
3rd: Steve Lee Family & Charlotte King

Parade Floats

1st: Creston Baptist Church
2nd: Walnut Hill Elem.
3rd: Casey County Bank
4th: Lights of Liberty Theater

Fire Trucks

1st: Liberty Fire Dept.
2nd: East Casey VFD
3rd: Liberty Rescue



Always a popular feature at the event, free photos with Santa kept the old courthouse full of children and their families on Friday night.



Chloe Furkins and Karter Young played in bubbles at the Liberty Downtown Celebration last Friday evening.

RIGHT, the courthouse Christmas tree was lit during the Liberty Downtown Celebration. BELOW, parade participants bundled up to keep warm.



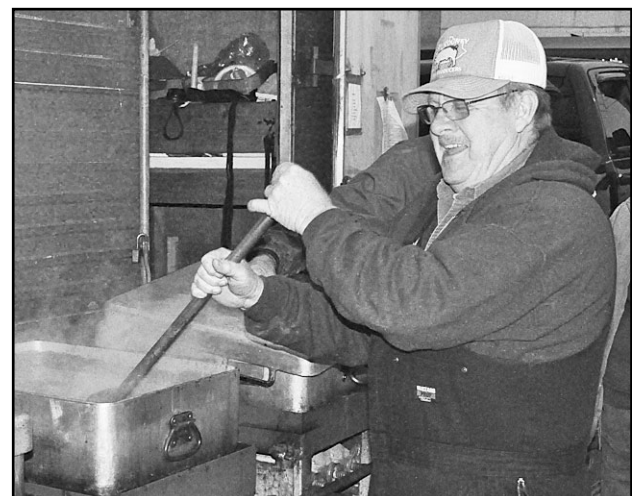
Wagon rides were offered at the downtown Christmas celebration. Here, city employee Ronnie Joe Wesley drives the tractor with precious cargo in tow.



ABOVE, "reindeer" Abby Vaughn gives a big smile from a parade float at the celebration. BELOW, Roger Vaughn of the Casey County Pork Producers, stirs chili that was served free to more than 500 celebration attendees.



The theme of Liberty's Downtown Christmas Celebration was 'A Storybook Christmas,' which was portrayed in this float in the parade.



The parade was enjoyable for all ages as local children play in the "snow" on this float during the lighted parade.



Mary Sue Shoopman displays one of the wreaths that was auctioned off at Friday's celebration. Here, Auctioneer Matt Murphy takes bids from the crowd gathered on Courthouse Square.

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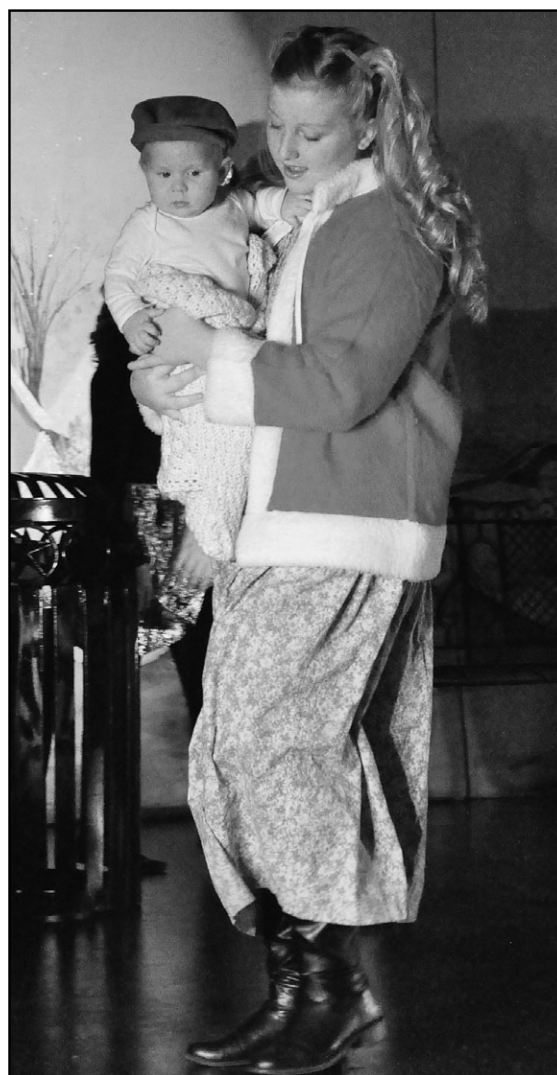
‘Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus’



Members of the Casey County Drama and the 21st Century Community Learning Center performed the Christmas classic, “Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus” this past weekend at Lights of Liberty Theater. LEFT, Beau Coffman, whose character collected money for a local charity fund, dances with the pigeons who stayed around the newspaper office. BELOW, Mollie Demrow, left, and Emily Hale portrayed street vendors in this year’s play. BOTTOM, Shain Harrell played the role of the newspaper editor who receives Virginia’s letter questioning Santa’s existence.



ABOVE, Sawyer Beeler plays the friend of Virginia, played by Karis Cundiff, who writes the editor of her local newspaper asking him if there is a Santa Claus. RIGHT, Sophia Brown, holding Reed King, is the recipient of Beau Coffman’s character’s Santa jacket.



Photos by Larry Rowell

CCHS Holiday Variety Show



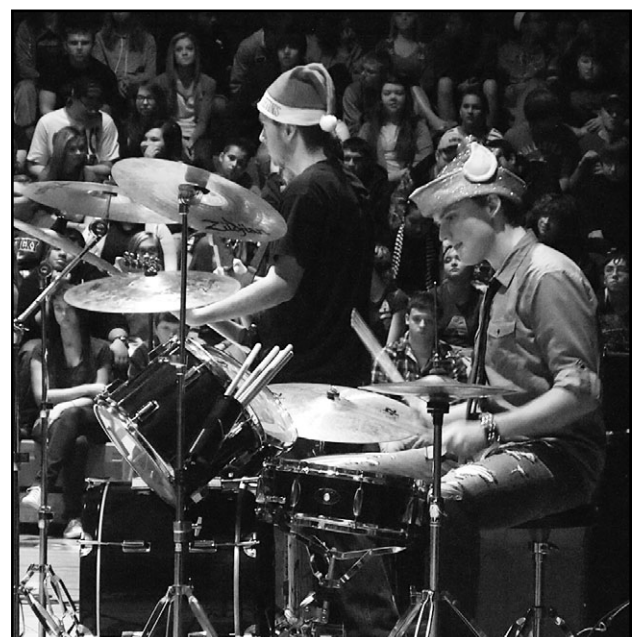
The CCHS Dance Team performed at the high school’s variety show, dancing to “All I Want for Christmas is You.”

Twenty different acts participated in this year’s Casey County High School annual holiday variety show. This year’s acts showcased dancing, singing, and playing instruments. CCHS band, choir, dance team, and color guard performed.



Students Ryder McCoy and Brian Medlin, both seniors, sang a duet at the variety show.

RIGHT, Sophomore Shelby Salyers and seniors Ryder McCoy and Amber Yarnel performed at the variety show. BELOW, members of the band provided music for the show.



A student played the drums while performing in this year’s variety show.



Photos by Katelynn Griffin

Lady Rebels rolling in last three games

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

Three home games brought three straight wins for the Lady Rebels last week, with each game having its own flavor.

“We’ve had a little bit of everything so far — a blow out loss, a blow out win, and two barn burners,” said Coach Randy Salyers.

Casey’s girls defeated Corbin, Pulaski County and Danville last week to bring their overall record to 4-1.

vs. Corbin

Casey started last week with a two-point victory at home, 55-53, over Corbin (4-2).

It appeared at first that the Lady Rebels were going to run away with the game. Casey tripled the Lady Redhound’s scoring efforts in the first quarter and led 21-7.

“For about a quarter and half in first half, we looked as good as we have in the past three or four years,” said Salyers. “We did what a team is supposed to do: knocked down shots, passed the ball well with deflections and steals interrupting their offense.”

After gaining an impressive lead, Corbin played Casey more evenly in the second quarter, yet did little to cut the lead. The teams went into halftime with the score 30-17.

“I felt like we got a little bit tired in the second and fourth quarters. It’s early in the season and we’re not quite in the conditioned shape we need to be in. We pressed more in the first quarter and a half than we usually do,” Salyers said.

Corbin’s scoring increased in the third quarter, but Casey still maintained a double digit lead.

However, the final quarter saw a strong Corbin effort and a tired Lady Rebel team.

“Second half they just came out and pressed us the whole time,” Salyers said. “They double teamed the ball which sped us up and we got a little bit tired and when you get tired you start missing shots.”

The Lady Redhounds tied the score with a little less than three minutes to play, but the Lady Rebels held them off just enough to come out on top.

“We played extremely



photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER

Casey's Calle Bastin drives toward the hoop in Friday night's win at home against Pulaski County.

well except for one bad stretch,” said Salyers. “We only had six turnovers in the first half and 16 the second half and most came at the tail end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth quarter.”

Sarah Beard led the team’s scoring with 14 points. She also pulled down five rebounds.

“This is the first time in Sarah Beard’s career she’s been the leading scorer,” Salyers said, complimenting Beard’s game. “It’s good to see that the scoring is balanced.”

Lakken Miller added 13 points, along with five assists and six steals.

vs. Pulaski County

Casey’s first district game of the season was less than pretty, but the result was a ‘w’, which is all that matters in the end.

“We went from probably playing one of the best quarter and a half of basketball we have in a long time (against Corbin), to playing one of the worst games,” Salyers said.

The Lady Rebels prevailed over the Lady Maroons (3-2, 0-1) 43-38 at Friday night’s district double-header. Casey shot

only 24 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

“To shoot only 24 percent and come out with a win is hard to do,” said Salyers.

Casey began the game with a 10-5 lead, but had players in early foul trouble.

Miller had two before the first quarter ended and Christin Terry picked up two early in the second quarter. Tiara Cochran also picked up two before the half ended when Pulaski cut Casey’s lead to two and trailed by only three at halftime, 18-15.

“Pulaski County played very smart,” Salyers said. “They did a good job taking us off the dribble and getting to the rim. I don’t know how many free throws they shot but they deserved every one of them. We fouled every time they blew the whistle.”

The fouling continued into the second half. Cochran earned her third foul less than two minutes into the third quarter with freshman Brooke Snow and Beard also having three before the quarter ended.

Despite the fouls and poor shooting, Casey hung

on, leading 30-28 going into the final quarter.

Cochran’s fourth foul came early in the fourth quarter and staying close, Pulaski finally tied the score, 35-35 at 1:47 to play. They took a one-point lead with 60 seconds remaining after Snow picked up her fourth foul.

Free throws became Casey’s saving grace in the final 45 seconds of play.

After having shot 50 percent from the line

throughout the game, the Lady Rebels finished six for six. Terry drained two to regain the lead, 39-38. Two more free throws from Miller gave Casey a three-point lead.

Pulaski had a final chance to tie the game in the last 12 seconds of play, but Terry picked off a clean steal for a fast break in the final four seconds, resulting in a Lady Maroon foul, and leading to two drained free throws which sealed Casey’s 43-38 victory.

“It just seemed like we didn’t move without the basketball, we didn’t cut through the zone, we weren’t strong with the basketball. Aside from hitting some free throws late in the game, we didn’t do a whole lot of anything, until Christin came up with that steal at the end,” Salyers said.

Terry led the team with 17 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Miller followed in scoring with 16 points.

vs. Danville

After a close call on Friday night, Casey turned around to play a dominant game against the Danville Lady Admirals (1-3) on Saturday when they won 70-53.

“I felt the big difference from Friday to Saturday night was Friday night we shot terrible and Saturday night we shot the ball pretty well,” Salyers said.

Nearly doubling their percentage from the field, Casey shot 50 percent, and 47 percent from behind the three-point line.

In addition, Casey had

two players achieve double-doubles as well.

While Terry led with 23 points and 10 rebounds, Cochran had a stand-out game with 21 points, hitting four treys. Additionally, she had 11 rebounds and seven assists.

“Tiara probably had the best game of her high school career,” Salyers said.

Casey came out strong from the start, jumping out to an 8-0 lead.

“From that point, I felt like we controlled the whole game,” Salyers said. “We got into a little bit of foul trouble half way through the second quarter and Danville got it down to four or five points right before half time.”

The Lady Rebels led 37-31 at the half but began to stretch their lead as soon as the second half began.

“We came out right at the beginning of the third quarter and jumped it right back up to 10 or 12 points and pretty much stayed there the rest of the game,” said Salyers.

Casey outscored Danville 33-26 in the second quarter and did not get into further foul trouble.

“I felt like we took control of the game early and controlled the tempo and controlled the game for the most part.”

The Lady Rebels played Somerset for the second district game last night. See next week’s paper for results.

The team will play in the Food Pantry Christmas Tournament in Campbellsville this weekend before taking a break for the holidays.

STATISTICS

Casey County	21	9	18	7	55
Corbin	7	10	19	17	53

Casey County (4-1): Sarah Beard 14, 5 rebounds; Lakken Miller 13, 5 assists, 6 steals; Christin Terry 12, 4 assists; Tiara Cochran 9, 6 rebounds; Kelli Wilson 3; Callee Bastin 2; Brooke Snow 2, 5 rebounds.

Corbin (4-2): Mirand Wilson 16, Kayla Wilson 12, Melanie Wilson 8; Sarah Ashley 7; Jaclyn Jewell 4; Brooklyn Ashurst 3; Meghann Blackburn 3.

Casey County	10	8	12	13	43
Pulaski County	5	10	13	10	38

Casey County: Terry 17, 9 rebounds, 4 steals; Miller 16; Snow 4; Beard 3; Kayla Wilson 3; Bastin 7 rebounds; Kelli Wilson 6 rebounds.

Pulaski County (3-2, 0-1): Peyton Ingram 13; Eulah Perkins 9; Mackenzie McCol-lum 7; Kayelee Hudson 6; Teryn Davis 2; Carlee Lowery 1.

Casey County	21	16	18	15	70
Danville	12	19	13	13	57

Casey County: Terry 23, 10 rebounds; Cochran 21, 11 rebounds, 7 assists; Beard 8; Kelli Wilson 7; Miller; Kyra Eads 2; Mariah Richardson 2; Cydney Warner 2.

Danville (1-3): Essence Gray 18; Alyvia Walker 17; Laken Gray 14; Cameron McPherson 4; Dora Swann 2; Zenoviah Walker 2.

Rebels playing hard, ‘we can only get better’

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

The Rebel basketball team lost two games last week to bring their overall record to 2-3. The team fell by 20 to Southwestern Pulaski before facing Pulaski County in their first 47th District game of the season. The Maroons triumphed by only eight.

vs. Southwestern

Casey County held the upper hand over the Southwestern Warriors (3-1, 0-1) during the first half of play on Dec. 10, but a strong third quarter by the Warriors left the Rebels lacking in the end.

Casey led at the end of the first quarter 19-16 and managed to hold onto their lead before the half ended. The Rebels were up by one 36-35; unfortunately, the Warriors would outscore Casey 55-34 in the second half.

“It was a strong game at first until about the middle of the second half,” said Coach Maze Stallworth. “Baylen Hill got in foul trouble and then they beat us inside.”

Southwestern had a 13-1 run in the third quarter to gain a 63-48 lead that Casey would not recover from.

“I’ve got a freshman (Breece Hayes) who’s never been out there and Tanner Davis, who is a first year player and he’s still learning,” Stallworth said. “We’ve got a young team and we can only get better.”

The youth led scoring for the team once again. Three freshmen put up 52 of the team’s 70 points. Freshmen

STATISTICS					
Casey Co.	19	17	14	20	70
S.W.	16	19	29	26	90
Casey County (2-3, 0-1): Jake Smith 23; Collin Miller 20; Breece Hayes 9; Baylen Hill 7; Cody Clark 5; Tanner Davis 4; Jordan Brown 2.					
Southwestern (3-1, 0-1): Fitzgerald 17; Edwards 17; Gaskin 16; Isaacs 14; Miller 10; Butt 6; Phelps 3; Dykes 3.					
Casey Co.	15	17	14	25	71
Pulaski Co.	18	24	23	14	79
Casey County: Brown 19; Hill 17; Smith 17; Hayes 6; Scott 6; Davis 3; Miller 2; Clark 1					

Jake Smith, Collin Miller and Hayes scored 23, 20 and nine points respectively.

vs. Pulaski County

With Casey losing each game by an average of 32 points last season, an eight point district loss doesn’t seem so bad. The Rebels made a late game comeback to lose to the Pulaski County Maroons (4-0, 1-0) 79-71.

“I felt like the guys got shell shocked and didn’t believe we could beat them because in the past we haven’t been able to beat them,” Stallworth said. “The last quarter I told them, ‘We are a good team and you’ve got to start believing that.’ Once we start believing that it will turn around. The boys competed.”

Pulaski took an immediate 5-0 lead in the game, but Casey held them close. Hill cut their lead to only three in the final minute of the quarter when he drained a three point shot.

The Rebel momentum continued as Jordan Brown

came off the bench to stir things up for Casey County. The junior put up five points for Casey, including a trey in the first three minutes. He then picked off a steal for a fast break with the assist to Hill that tied the game for the first time, 24-24.

At 3:45 Brown was fouled and drained two free throws to give Casey it’s first and only lead of the game 26-25.

The Rebel lead was short-lived and set a fire under the Maroons who went on a 17-6 run the final three and a half minutes of the half. They led 42-32.

Pulaski stretched their lead in the third quarter, but only in the final two minutes.

The Rebels maintained a ten-point disadvantage until the Maroons went on a run with 12 unanswered points in the final 90 seconds of the quarter. Pulaski led by 19, 65-46.

“They really started attacking us and packed it in. I felt like we didn’t play like the Casey County Running Rebels play but we’re still

a very young team,” Stallworth said. “I’m starting three freshman and two seniors, and they’re still learning how to play with them.”

Casey came out hustling in the final period of play. Smith put up the first points of the quarter at 5:15 with Casey holding Pulaski scoreless until they went to the free throw line at 4:49.

The Rebels held Pulaski to only three points in the next three minutes while putting up nine of their own to bring the score to 58-70 with 1:47 to play.

Hill saw his final foul at the 1:17 mark, just after draining two free throws.

Fouls and free throws became the name of the game for the final 70 seconds. Aside from a trey by Smith, the two teams went nearly shot for shot from the foul line, bringing the final score to 71-79.

Brown had a stand-out game, leading the team for the first time with 19 points, in addition to several steals, assists and rebounds.

“Brown is one of my toughest players. I was waiting for this game because that is how he plays at practice,” said Stallworth. “I’m not surprised by Jordan.”

Hill and Smith followed Brown in scoring with 17 points a piece.

Casey faced their second district opponent last night when they hosted Somerset (1-3, 0-1). See next week’s paper for results.

The team then travels to McCreary Central over the weekend for Arby’s KFC Holiday Classic tournament



Jordan Brown shoots a three ball in Friday's home game against Pulaski County. Even though the Rebels lost the game, 79-71, Coach Maze Stallworth said that Brown had a breakout game, scoring 19 points.

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REBEL OF THE WEEK

Saluting
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CCHS Freshman

Freshman guard Kyra Eads is on both the Lady Rebel basketball and softball teams.



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Dec. 9

3:13 a.m., request officer at 82 Wheeler Woods Rd.
11:31 a.m., request officer at Farmer's Deposit Bank
12:06 p.m., stolen vehicle on N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
4:47 p.m., welfare check at 63 Wilson Rd.
10:26 p.m., non-injury accident on N. U.S. 127.
11:45 p.m., request officer at 187 Wolford Ave.

Dec. 10

8:18 a.m., non-injury accident on Ky. 910.
10:19 a.m., out of control juvenile on Halon Young Rd.
4:10 p.m., request officer at CVS.
7:03 p.m., injury accident on Riffe Creek Rd.
10:02 p.m., suspicious vehicle at S&T Mkt.
11:19 p.m., non-injury accident on Ky. 501.

Dec. 11

7:55 a.m., officer out of car at 75 College St.
9:17 a.m., officer out of car at 89 Brook Dr.
7:26 p.m., request officer at 120 Liberty Manor Ln.
8:21 p.m., motorist assist at N. U.S. 127.

9:01 p.m., request officer at 1029 Griffith Ridge Rd.
11:45 p.m., non-injury accident on Bastin Creek Rd.
Dec. 12
10:51 a.m., public intoxication on Hustonville St.
1:29 p.m., domestic in progress on Ky. 910.
3:07 p.m., reckless driver on W. Ky. 70.
3:14 p.m., reckless driver on Hustonville St.
6:26 p.m., non-injury accident at Liberty Square.
9:20 p.m., request officer at 187 Wolford Ave.
10:12 p.m., traffic stop on Dillon St.
12:57 p.m., motorist assist on N. U.S. 127.

Dec. 13

12:34 a.m., extra patrol on Riffe Creek.
6:23 a.m., non-injury accident on Dry Creek Rd.
7:39 a.m., non-injury accident on Dry Creek Rd.
8 a.m., officer out of car on Brush Creek Rd.
9:48 a.m., non-injury accident on Campbellsville St.
2:39 p.m., DUI/drugs on N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
3:12 p.m., motorist assist on W. Ky. 70.
4:19 p.m., request officer at 40 Strong Branch Rd.
5:28 p.m., domestic in progress on College St.
5:59 p.m., custody issue at Courthouse Sq.
8:12 p.m., motorist assist on Beldon Ave.
8:18 p.m., DUI/drugs on N. U.S. 127.

10:41 p.m., request officer at 100 Ellison Dr.
Dec. 14
1:37 a.m., breaking and entering at 4144 Poplar Hill Rd.
11:40 a.m., request officer at Liberty Care Center.
1:20 p.m., welfare check on W. Ky. 70.
4:32 p.m., DUI/alcohol in Russell County.
4:43 p.m., request officer at 2575 N. Ky. 837.
4:50 p.m., suspicious vehicle on E. Ky. 70.
6:41 p.m., motorist assist on E. Ky. 70.
7:59 p.m., welfare check on Campbellsville St.
8:34 p.m., theft at 237 Calvary Ridge Rd.
8:51 p.m., domestic in progress on Ky. 906.
9:22 p.m., noise at 100 Napier St.

11:52 p.m., traffic stop on Antioch Hill.
Dec. 15
12:07 a.m., pursuit on E. Ky. 70.
3:46 a.m., traffic stop on N. U.S. 127.
3:57 a.m., officer out of car at 187 Wolford Ave.
5:43 a.m., suspicious person on Fishing Creek Rd.
10:45 a.m., domestic in progress at McDonald's.
2:56 p.m., warrant served on Means Rd.
3:39 p.m., shoplifter at IGA.
7:43 p.m., trespassing at 2752 Snake Ridge Rd.
8:39 p.m., threat at 233 Smith Rd.
9:50 p.m., traffic stop on Middleburg St.
9:50 p.m., breaking and entering at 1310 Dry Ridge Rd.

WANTED

The following people are wanted by the Casey County Sheriff's Department on outstanding bench warrants. If anyone has any information on any of those listed below, they are asked to call the sheriff's office at 787-6821. The bench warrants were active as of Dec. 16.

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POLICE NEWS

Man charged with burglary - twice

Matthew Casey Martin, 26, of 64 Ronald Evans Road, Dunnville, was arrested on Dec. 12 by Lt. Ronnie Smith and Sgt. Randy Dial at the Liberty Police Department and charged with first-degree burglary, third-degree burglary, two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespassing, and two counts of theft by unlawful taking, and theft by unlawful taking, firearm. During an interview with Smith, Martin admitted to breaking into Tarter and Roberts Insurance on Nov. 21 and again on Nov. 23, taking a handgun, cash, and other items.

Two charged with assault

■ Kenneth E. Allen, 50, of 580 Ott St., Franklin, Ind., was arrested on Dec. 11 on a warrant by Deputy Freeman Luttrell and charged with fourth-degree assault, minor injury. Allen is accused of pulling Dana Maupin's hair, pushing her down the stairs, and hitting her in the mouth, resulting in a broken tooth, court records state.
■ Charles S. Vaught, 42, of 100 Ellison Drive, Liberty, was arrested on Dec. 13 by Deputy Freeman Luttrell and charged with fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury. Court records state that Vaught struck his unnamed girlfriend on the nose. Vaught admitted to hitting her.

Woman charged with harassment

Heather Carmicle, 28, of 1019 Hustonville Road, Danville, was issued a criminal complaint summons on Dec. 14 by Deputy Chad Weddle and charged with harassment, physical contact, no injury. Carmicle is accused of harassing Christina Grant on Aug. 28.

Man charged with disorderly conduct

Michael R. Lee, 61, of 979 Hustonville St., Liberty, was arrested on Dec. 12 on Hustonville Street by Lt. Ronnie Smith and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, third or greater offense, and second-degree disorderly conduct. Lee was seen staggering on Hustonville Street and refused to cooperate with police, when arrested, court documents show.

Man charged with livestock violation

James Leo Hines, 49, of 6151 South Ky. 501, Liberty, was cited on Dec. 10 by Deputy Freeman Luttrell and charged with cattle not to run at large. Hines is accused of having horses on property with no fencing. One of the horses was hit in the roadway on South Ky. 501.

Woman charged with shoplifting

Julie Ritchie, 25, of 1464 Henson Ridge Road, Liberty, was cited on Dec. 11 by Deputy Jamie Walters and charged with theft by unlawful taking, shoplifting, under \$500. Ritchie admitted to stealing a knife valued at \$16, in the shape of a gun, from Shannon's Grocery.

Man charged with resisting arrest

Waylon Snow, 37, of Means Road, Waynesburg, was arrested on Dec. 15 by Deputy Chad Weddle and charged with a parole violation of absconding from parole supervision and failure to pay court-ordered child support. When Weddle placed Snow under arrest, Snow tried to flee but was tasered and restrained.

Woman wanted in Florida

Heather M. Weddle, 25, who is lodged in the Casey County Jail, was arrested on Dec. 14 by Deputy Chad Weddle and charged with being a fugitive from another state. The warrant states that Weddle, convicted of burglary in Florida, broke the terms of her probation and left the state.

Stolen tractor recovered, no arrest made

Deputy Jamie Walters is investigating the theft of a tractor on Saturday from David Phelps of 237 Calvary Ridge Road, Yosemite. Someone entered Phelps' barn about 7:30 p.m. and took the Massey Ferguson 2680 4X4 tractor with cab and loader. It was driven onto East Ky. 70 in Pulaski County toward Eubank. At 9:30 p.m., officers from the Pulaski Sheriff's office pursued the tractor but lost it. About an hour later, Kentucky State Police officers found the tractor abandoned over an embankment where it had struck a tree. The driver fled and was not captured. Anyone with any information about this theft is asked to contact the Casey County Sheriff's office at (606) 787-6821.

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Harold's close friend, Keith Caudill, who owns B&K Tire in Liberty, said that Wethington's wife called him about 8:30 p.m. Friday and said her husband had not returned home. Caudill, who owns a cabin at Holmes Bend, drove to the boat ramp and found Wethington's truck where Wethington and Stokes had launched the boat at daybreak on Friday just below the tailwaters of Green River Like, seven miles south of Campbellsville off Ky. 55.

"I knew when his wife called me that they were dead, they were six hours overdue then. They should have been back in Dunnville between 2 and 2:30 p.m.," Caudill said.

The 17-foot long, 6-foot wide aluminum boat with a 70 horsepower motor was found just before midnight on its side, 14 miles below the ramp, lodged in trees on the riverbank.

Wethington's body would be found about 2 p.m. on Saturday 12 miles further downriver, according to a press release from Ronnie Dooley, Public Information Coordinator with Taylor County Emergency Management.

No greater person'

Caudill said that a person could not have a better friend than Harold Wethington.

"There was no greater person to have as a friend. That's a fact. I got hurt seriously in a logging accident in 1998. I was at Somerset ICU and Harold was the first one there," he said.

The men first became friends when Caudill owned a sporting goods store in Liberty.

"I've been hunting and fishing with Harold since around 1980 when I owned Green River Tackle and Guns. And Harold met Larry Stokes the same way, when Larry and his father ran Midway Discount in Somerset, a sporting goods' place years ago. It was me, Larry, and David Tarter he done most of his fishing and hunting with when he wasn't guiding."

While Caudill was shocked and deeply saddened by his best friend's death, he knew that whatever happened was beyond Wethington's experience and control.

"I'd say he floated the river that way duck hunting on average at least 10 times a year since the 1960s and that's more than 500 times over the years," he said. "There's nobody on earth who knew more of what they were doing than Harold did."

In addition to praising his friend, Caudill said that the search and rescue teams were also the best.

"These rescue guys over there, they don't miss a lick. They've got that river marked off in miles just like on roads," he said, adding that these personnel conduct rescue training missions on the river.

As many as 50 rescuers participated in the search, including those from Taylor, Green, Hart, Butler and Warren counties, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Breeding Area Volunteer Fire Department, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Kentucky State Police, the press release stated.

A complete obituary for Harold Wethington can be found on page 4 in today's edition.

Eleven indicted by Casey grand jury on theft, drug charges

By Larry Rowell
Editor

A Jackson, Ky. man, one of 11 people indicted by the Casey County grand jury on Monday, faces charges surrounding his escape from a work detail and allegedly stealing a truck.

Michael R. Branham, 19, led authorities on a 12-hour chase in the Bryant Ridge area after he left the Casey County Recycling Center where he was working on Sept. 25.

Branham was booked into the Casey County jail on Aug. 20, having been transferred from Roderer Correctional Complex in LaGrange where he was serving a six-year sentence on two counts of receiving stolen property and one count of fleeing and evading police.

During his escape, Branham allegedly took a truck on Bryant Ridge which was later found abandoned at the dead-end on Bryant Ridge.

Branham eventually surrendered to authorities at the Casey County Detention Center around midnight.

He was indicted on charges of second-degree escape, theft by unlawful taking, auto; and two

counts of second-degree fleeing and evading police.

Branham is being held in the Casey County Detention center on a \$25,000 cash or secured property bond.

The grand jury also indicted:

■ Kellen Sanders on charges of receiving stolen property, a firearm. Court records state that on April 30, Sanders had in his possession a Marlin .22 rifle and a Stevens 12 gauge shotgun belonging to Francis Williams.

■ Aaron Hare on one count of first-degree criminal mischief when he did more than \$1,000 in damages to a rental home owned by Ronald Hatter sometime between Aug. 1 and Aug. 10.

■ Rebecca Luttrell Goforth, also charging her with first-degree criminal mischief for her part in damaging Hatter's rental property.

■ Johnnie Lee Carmicle on charges of theft by unlawful taking over \$500. Carmicle is accused of taking metal roofing and lumber belonging to Bobby Selch on Dec. 12, 2012.

■ Tabitha Nicole Schmiers on one count of first-degree promoting contraband and first-degree

persistent felony offender. Schmiers was discovered attempting to smuggle five different pills into the Casey County Detention Center on Sept. 17.

■ Roger High for receiving stolen property, over \$500, but less than \$10,000, tampering with physical evidence, and first offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, meth. High is accused of having in his possession on Oct. 9 a 16-foot flat bed wagon, a Silver Creek feeder, and two bunk feed troughs belonging to Brad Gosser.

■ Wesley Brumley for his role with High in the Oct. 9 case of receiving stolen property, over \$500, but under \$10,000, and tampering with physical evidence. Brumley also faces two charges of being a persistent felony offender.

■ Scotty Young on charges of third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking, more than \$10,000 but under \$1 million, and two counts of being a persistent felony offender. Young allegedly entered Tri-County Feed Mill on Oct. 20 and took a 2005 Ford F-450 flatbed truck.

■ Keith Michael Tilyou on charges of third-degree burglary and theft by un-

lawful taking, more than \$10,000, but under \$1 million, for his role with Young in the Oct. 20 incident at Tri-County Feed Mill.

■ Samantha Gosser Whited on multiple counts of drug charges stemming from an arrest on Aug. 14. Whited faces charges of public intoxication; possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified; possession of a controlled substance, oxycodone; two counts of possession of marijuana; two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia; two counts of promoting contraband in trying to smuggle five different drugs and cigarettes into the Casey County Detention Center; possession of a legend drug, Klonopin; two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, oxycodone; possession of a controlled substance, Lortab; possession of a controlled substance, Xanax; trafficking in a controlled substance, less than 10 dosage units, drug unspecified; and trafficking in a controlled substance, less than 20 dosage units, drug unspecified.

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